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(VOLUME XII)

[From January to December 1711]

[N°. 1]

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the error of too much credulity as before ha[...] Sheva Naigue Reddes Renting y^e^. Wald [ore. . _].

Wee are
Hon^ble^. S[r.]
Your Hon^rs^. &c^a^.
& Most humble [Serv^ts^.]

Rich^d^. [Farmer].
Jn°. [Berlue].
Richard [Harrison].
Philip Ba[ker].
Matt^w^. We[ld].
Hen^y^. Cott[rell]

Fort S^t^. David
Jan^ry^. 1^st^. 1710.
Receiv'd Jan^y^. y^e^. 4^th^.

N°. 2

Received Yours date y^e^. 11^th^. Inst [. . .] much concern'd that y^e^. Cormandell Coast [. . .] Potent an Enemy as the French are which [ ] is expected all y^e^. way from y^e^. Cape by what [. . . . . .] from y^e^. Governour of that Place and when [...] Galle it was Confirm'd by y^e^. Commandore and [. . .] and three more beside them att Pullecher[ry] ten hours butfew days before I came in [...] the Eastward Godknows wither for no man can tell hi[m] and as You expect their Company next month it pu[. . .] to a Plunge what to do for I long to be with You b[ut . .] Almighty hath given me good Success hither too so [I . .] never distrust his Devine providence for y^e^. future [I] thank Your Honours in Yo^r^. Care for giving Me cred[it . . .] but I have no Occasion for their Assistance I have [. . .] my Ground w^th^. y^e^. best of them for it is a most barbar[ous . .] place w^ch^. I shall relate w^n^. I see You tis a great expen[se] I am att w^ch^. I hope will be considered when I come to m[y] desir'd port. I desire y^e^. favour of y^e^. English Commander y^t^. goes home this next Year if it is possible to lodge in Yo[r] hands 8 or ten puncheons of Europe provisions for he[r. .] is nothing to be had here.

Cap^n^. Edward Pearson sayld from this place y^e^. 2^d^. In^st^. and y^e^. 8^th^. Instant was lost just[in] Cape Comoreen the Companys Treasure being all Sav'd but y^e^. Ship and every thing else are lost. Nothing more at present b[ut] my Humble Duty to Yo^r^. Honours I Remain S^r^.

Your Most humble Serv^t^.

Sam^l^. Goodman.

Fort S^t^. [George]
Y^e^. 25^th^. Nov^r^. 1710.
[Rec^d^.] January y^e^. 7^th^

№. 3

HONBLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQR.
[PRESID]ENT & GOVERNR. FOR AFFAIRS OF [T
UNITED ENGLISH COMPY. ON [THE]
[COA]ST OF COROMANDELL, &CA. COUNCELL.

HONBLE. [SR. &CA.]

Our last to Yor. Honrs. &ca. was under ye. 25th. passada when Wee Acc [...] Satisfactory Accot. of said Ship as how She came [. . .] Sand and in what Condition she is in now [t. . .] not Vouching to write to Us since Wee sent [..] his Assistance; But suppose Yor Honr. &ca. will h[ave] of her by ye. Accompanying Packett.

On ye. 3d. Instant Jno. Cockroft from China who deliver'd Us [a] dispatch for Madrass wch he told Us were [. . .] wee should have sent ym. sooner but co[. . .] Pattamer to goe by reason of ye. Warrs y[. . .] This wee now send being One wee enter[. .] has been abroad in ye. Company's buisne[ss. . .] last night Wee desire Yor. Honr. &ca. will n[. . .] there longer than is necessary by reason [of the] great want of him here. Wee have no [. . .] worthy Yor. Honr. &ca. Knowledge only [. . .] in ye. Silva from Bengall pass'd this Po[rt] Wee have not further to add at present. [. . Res]pectfully Remain

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Assur
[...]

ANJENGO
YE. 10 DECEMR. 1710.
RECEIV'D JANY. YE. 7TH. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

№. 4

TO THE HONBLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR OF FFORTS Sr.
GEORGE & Sr. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL.
H[ONBLE. SR. &CA.]

Wee have none [...] our last being the ℔mo. instant by ye. [. . .] by whom remitt'd Yor. Honr. &ca. [...] Govern. & Councill according to ye. Accompt. Gennells. directions herewith send an answer and Coppy thereof to ye. several Paragraphs of ye. Accompt. Generalls Letter to Fort St. George relating to this place as also Coppy of our Generall Books, Letter, C, Acct. Revenues from ye. ℔mo. May 1709 to ye. Ulto. Apl. 1710 particulars of Sallary omitted in severall Books & Coppys of Our Customers Books of Rates of all Goods Export'd & Imported besides Coppys of our Consultations & Dyarys to be remited to England & Coppys of Beetle & Tobacco Collections all ending ye. Ulto. Decr. laste.

Wee have now Embal'd about 600 Bales of severall sorts of Goods besides wt. is in ye. Washers hands. Wee are now considerably indebt'd to our Merchts. which makes' em importunate for a Supply of more money for wch. reason we have now drawn two bills of Exchange on Yor. Honr. for 10000d. Pags. one for 5000 Pags. Payable to Ragainoculoo the other for 5000 Pags. [p]ayable to Ramma Naigue which wee request Yor. Honr. &ca. [C]ompliance.

Wee are in great want of Gunny's for Bales [h]aving not Sufficient for above one hundred bales more [Th]erefore request yor. honrs. &ca. to send us 1000 ps. of Gunnys [by] ye. first Conveyance else wee must be necessitat'd to stand [still] for want thereof also some Bengall Ropes if [yr. Honr.] have a supply from thence for yt. our Coire Ropes [...] not serve for Embaleing near so well We request likewise [a] Supply of Wax. ye. Candy sent hither being almost [...] by paying arrears of wt. due formerly.

[Wee] are under no small Concern wn. Wee think of ye. Du[an...ach] and ye. smallness of ye. present we are Orderd [...] [make] him of about 150 Pags. especially wn. tis con[...] Surcap Sing will referr [. . .] and for ye. Water att

Trivendaparum passing through our bou[nds] to y^e^. Determination of y^e^. Duan & thô Suroop Sings pretences aforesaid are very unjust yet y^e^. Duan may make use of it as a handle for other designs being as is report'd of an Avarici[ous] humour, herewith comes Letters of Captain Hugonens three last Letters & Mahadoo Puntulo our Egibs two last Letters for Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Perusall. We are

Hon^ble^. S^r^.
Your most Obedient humble Ser[vants]

RI : FARMER.
JN^o^. BERLU.
RICH : HARRISON.
PHI^p^. BAKER.
MATT^w^. WELD.
HEN : COTTRELL.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
JAN : 9^TH^. $17\frac{10}{11}$.
REC^D^. Y^E^. 12^TH^. d^o^.

[N^o^. 5]

May it please Yo^r^. Hon^rs^.
Gentlemen :

Receiv'd Yo^rs^. bearing date Nov^r^. y^e^. [...] by y^e^. Theadore w^ch^. I heartily thank You but am Sorry th[e] French should be my hindrance in Coming to You where I am Consign'd for never was serv'd so before bu[t] I must submitt to Gods pleasure and hope in his due [...] I shall put away from this port in ffebruary w^ch^. I Conjecture may be proper and not before by rea[son the] Enemy will be Sayld for Europe from [...] pleas'd if You have any Oppertunity to let me hear from You w^ch^. will be a great Satisfaction and to give me y^e^. best Account concerning the Enemy if it is possible by my Letter y^t^. went in Captain Cockrofts packett I acquainted You of Cap^n^. Persons in y^e^. Phoenix being lost within three Leagues of Cape Commoreen y^e^. Companys Treasure being all Sav'd and safe in y^e^ Dutch factory at Tuttocareen and if Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. think I can any way be serviceable for the propagation of my Honourable Masters Interest while being here pray let me hear by all Opportunitys. The Governour of Collumbo and this Commadore of Galle hath taken abundance of Care in saving w^t^. has been sav'd and are extreamly Civill. The Dutch Ships that loaded here being six sayl bound for Europe Sayld the 10^th^. instant here is no news but every thing very scarce which I hope is not w^th^. You and I beg y^e^. favour if it was possible for y^o^. Ships y^t^. was bound home to lodg (*sic*) a Small Quantity of provisions w^th^. You for Me w^ch^. I am afraid will not be Comply'd w^th^. I hope this will find Your Hon^rs^. in good health and wish You a merry X'mas and a happy new Year I remain Yo^r^. Honours most humble

and Obedient Serv^t^.
SAM^LL^ : GOODMAN.

S^T^. GEORGE
ATT GALLE DEC^R^. 20^TH^. 1710.
REC^D^. JAN^Y^. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

N^o^. 6

HON^BLE^ S^R^. & WORTHY FRIENDS

The bearers hereof are Jona[than] Turkey, William Griffin, William Towland Edward Philips, William Chik, and James Row, all belonging to y^e^. English Ship Phoenix that was unfortunately lost near Manapaar they came here w^th^. Two passports for their safe passage from y^e^. Southward dated Nov^r^. y^e^. 30^th^. 1710, signed by M^r^. Edward Peerson who upon the[ir] desire gave free passage to come to You and conside[ring] their miserable Condition upon their earnest request Assisted them w^th^. 10 Pagodas as appears by y^e^. Inclosed Coppy of their receit and our Order w^ch^. Wee desire You would remitt to Our Company serv^ts^. at Pulicatt. Wee

Remain &c^a^.
CASHEER DIRK VAN CLOON.

NEGAPATAM,
JAN^Y^ 7 : 1711.
Rec^d^. ian : 17^th^. $17\frac{10}{11}$ O.S.

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ıt y^e^. following English, Jonathan Turkey, William Griffin, Wlliam Townsend, and Edward Philips, Will^m^. Chick and James Row that came from English Ship Phoenix from y^e^. mallabar coast overland here upon their earnest desire as itt was thought fitt Yesterday the Sum of Ten Pagodas or two & forty fenams to be repaid by y . Hon^ble^. Gov^r^. & Councill of Madrass to our Serv^ts^. att Pullicatt.

NAGAPATAM JAN^Y^. 7^TH^. 1711 (was signed) D. Bernard (in y^e^. margin stood) y^e^. foresaid sum by Us rec^d^. and for whi[ch] wee bind ourselves in aforesaid manner to see repaid signed Edw^d^. Philips, W^m^. Townsend, W^m^. Griffin [.....] below stood y^e^ Mark of Jona^n^. Turky and W^m^. Ch[ick] [. . .].

N°. 8

HON^BLE^ & WORTHY FRIENDS.

Wee rec^d^. Yesterday from Bengall by way of Masulpatam y^e^. accompaning bag w^th^. a Letter to Your [Hon^r^.] from y^e^. Nabob Gusdee-kaune sent to our Embassadour and Director, Cornelis Besyen &c^a^. Councill att Suratt to be forwaded to Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. to whose Address wee have sent ıt and are &c^a^.

NAGAPATAM
JAN^Y^. 24^TH^ 1711.
REC^D^. JAN^Y^. 19^TH^ $17\frac{10}{11}$ O.S.

N°. 9

HON^BLE^ S^R^. &C^A^.

Having receiv'd News y^t^. 4 french Ships are Cruising off Yo . Hon^rs^. &c^a^. Road wee humbly desire to know y^e^. Truth of it in w^ch^ you'll very much Oblidge Us. Wee must also inform Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. &c^a^. y^t^. att y^e^. writing this there are two Vessells passing this Road to y^e^. Nor^d^. that shew no Coulours. Wee Remain

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

PULLICATT
JAN^Y^. 30 $17\frac{10}{11}$ N.S.
REC^D^. JAN^Y^. 19^TH^. $17\frac{10}{11}$ O.S.

N°. 10

TO THE HON^BLE^. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R^. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^BLE^.
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^Y^. &C^A^. COUNCILL

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Wee did not receive till y^e^. 16^th^. Instant Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Letter dated y^e^. 29: last September with y^e^. Sundry papers as mention'd therein and having under y^e^. 30^th^. last month wrote y^e^. needfull concerning y^e^ [difference] w^th^. Fuckerlee Cawn in Observance to Yo^r^. [Hon^rs^. orders by the] Susanah: this serves cheifly to desire [yo^s^. Hon^r^. to] Send y^e^. most speedy Supplys and full directions for our Governm^t^. in making up y^e^. difference defending or leaving y^e^. place and to prevent delays or misunderstandings w^ch^. may be occasion'd by writeing wee have agreed that M^r^. Hoden accompany these Lines who can well inform You of our Condition and give that Just and ffaithfull Acco^t^. of our management as may prevent for y^e^. future those hard censures and Reflections pass'd upon Us w^ch^. wee must think a great Addition to Our Misfortunes.

Wee never thought y^t^. a less power than the Kings by Gusbadar or Hosbul Huckam could bring y^e^. Rajahs to a Complyance of paying their debts to Ho[l]comb. And our not sending Braminy Jugapau was for reasons alleadg'd in our Consultations y^e^. 27^th^. last March.

'What letter wee formerly rec^d^. from Fuckerlee Cawn was from president Addison: if Gov^r^. [P]itt sent any it was to M^r^. Trewen it was ever practicable to send their translates and leave y^e^. delivery to y^e^. Cheifs discretion.

The Pourtaguese Padre mentiond by Mr. Faucett is ye. same wee sent in our last troubles wth. a Dubash to Fuckerlee Cawn and they were so far from getting sight of Mr. Holcombs Bond y. desiring only Fuckerlee Cawns patience till our Fort St. George letter arriv'd were commanded back immediately. The Rising Sun Brigateen lyes as she did last Year to give Notice to ye Ships returning from Bengall.

As it has been an Old Custom wee cant well refuse supplying wth. powder & S[hot] which they can also buy att Metchlepatam & other places And Fuckerlee Cawn is now furnishd. by Annumturaz wth [the] stores as are Yearly sent him from his Father ye. Mado[pm.]Rajah. We wrote You largely under ye. 16th. last January and ye. 4th. last Aprill concerning these Revenues and how that Order to raise 4862 Rups. wee pay ye. Nabob ye. Customs establish'd have been ye. rules wee goe by which should wee alter there would be great loss to ye. Company till Vizagapatam can be to ym. as Fort St. Davids &ca. a perpetuall Inheritance. Should wee send ye. Honble. Governr. &ca. Letter wth. a present to Habib Cawn it would be of no Service now for that wee are well asur'd yt. Fuckerlee Cawn acts by his Permission. Ship presidt. was on departure wn. ye. Capn. desir'd ye. Chiefs Cable which by seafaring men on ye. shoar was valued att 45 Pags. as Mr. Hastings is paid from ye. Companys cash.

The Ganjams Gallys charges wth. ware and Tare was valued att 5 Pagodas ℔ diem by Captain Hamilton & others and accordingly she was hir'd as advis'd under ye. 4th. last May and for ye. loss of her Voyage Mr. Hastings did submitt to wt. You may Judge equivolent on a stock of 7000 Rupies from Bengall to Yor. Port. Mr. Hastings humbly beggs You will not let him Suffer any longer by want of an Order for that payment.

Fuckerlee Cawn is gone with his forces against some Rajahs but expect'd to return hither in few days and his guards are so thick placed that we cant bring in provisions wherefore are Oblidg'd to buy from ye. paddy Boats from ye. No: wd. which we mention to prevent any mischief from false Complaints though wt. Vessels belong to this Governt. Wee detain some days longer in hopes ye. Crys of ye. Concern'd may reach Habibs Cawns ears and be a means to make Fuckerlee Cawn desist troubling Us.

Mr. Raworth bill is accept'd and have drawn One for Pags. 609. 33 in Mr. Bennets favour wth. which desire Yor. Complyance. Wee most Respectivefully (*sic*) Subscribe

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedient Humble Sertš.

Vizagapatam,
Decr. 28: 1710.
Recd. Janr. ye. 19th. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

Fran: Hastings.
Ro: Cranwell.
Rich: Horden].

N°. 11.

To the Honble. William Fraser Esqr.,
President & Governr. &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

After Meerza Beeg had taken off the peons and given me my Liberty ye. 9th. ulto. ye. Doray and other Officers made mee a Close prisoner for 12 days till Mr. Noden had satisfied ym. during wch. time I [...] 2d and was forc'd back again at last came here wth. ye. Dor[ay's] pass ye. 23d. ulto. were my Palackeen boy according to Order in Metchlepatam left me I shall endeavour to Order away to Vizagapatam by first Conveyance that of[fers] by Land no pan. boy dare carry me for fear of

f[uck]erleer Cawns people at present. In my last I omitted to accquaint Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of a Conference that Meerza Beeg had y^{e}. 4th. ult^{o}. wth. y^{e}. principall men in Metchlepatam about forcing away our K: present. and after in a garden privately wth. y^{e}. Dutch Cheif [C^{r}.] Pero Linguist^{r}. who after reported that y^{r}. their Chief had been very much our friend representing to Meerza that wee were a powerfull people and that it would be very dangerous to attempt it. This Pero has been frequently seen to goe directly from y^{e}. Dutch Chief to M^{r}. Nodens house and so often y^{t}. y^{r}. lesser thinking Serv^{ts}. have askt ours y^{e}. meaning of it whether Pero did not manage buisiness for both English Dutch this was daily [told] so y^{t}. abo^{t}. y^{e}. 20th. O^{br} I sent Dubash Hoe and bid Him ask y^{e}. Dutch chief also 2^{d}. and 3^{d}. the Reason why their Dubash concern'd himself so much wth. our Companys business, but it hapned y^{e}. Chief was asleep or not at leisure to be spoke wth. and this reaching no further than Supposition tho more than probably true upon mature thought I sent no more, but how M^{r}. Noden and his Counceller Pero put their wits togather (*sic*) in consulting matters so as to hinder my going to Vizagapatam y^{e}. 5th. Nov^{r}. and occcasion'd y^{e}. Expence of not a little sum of money which y^{e}. Person y^{t}. has paid it questions whether it will be allowed, is still to me a Mystery for it was in y^{e}. Evening 4th. Nov^{r}. that I receiv'd Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. dated 3^{d}. Octo^{r}. after Supper M^{r}. Noden read it and was pleas'd wth. my going at this time he joynd to a Joynt Letter to M^{r}. Hasting & Councill mentioning y^{t}. M^{r}. ffaucett accords. to Maddrass Ord^{r}. would be ready to proceed the next Day to Vizagapatam w^{ch}. was forwad^{d}. that Night wth. y^{e}. Packquett y^{e}. next morning before all my Palakeen boy (who had wailed as he knew to carry me 7 Days) were got to y^{e}. factory he and his Servants had publisht my going in y^{e}. Streets y^{t}. He had nothing to do wth. y^{e}. Companys buisness &c^{a}. and he sent me word by my Dubash as follows w^{ch}. I then wrote down. That he had nothing to do wth. y^{e}. present or y^{e}. Companys buisness that M^{r}. ffaucett must stay to look after it and that if he did offer to goe to Vizagapatam He would Send for y^{e}. Gusbadar thus far he appeared in Opposition to Orders when he was sensible or might have been so when he was so often told that he could not lay y^{e}. Service down without leave from Madrass I found him and his Serv^{ts}. when they had broke open y^{e}. Chests of Canary &ca. and carrying severall Bottles away privately to his House and severall other things y^{t}. He was intrusted with are [broken] and lost in y^{e}. ffactory.

I shall Include my Acco^{t}. Expences for last month ℔ this Conveyance.

MADDAPOLUM
PRIMO DIE JAN^{Y}. 29TH. 1710

Hon^{d}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Yo^{r}. most Obedient Serv^{t}.
T. FAUCETTE.

P. S.

Since I came here two Peons was sent out to Vizagapatam who are return'd ai ay that Fucklee[r]Cawn is still fighting wth. a Roger but yet keeps forces rou Vizag^{m}. and that it is impossible for a Peon to travel with English Letters witho being discover'd so y^{t}. I see no Remedy but to stay here till y^{e}. southerly winds se in to get away in some Countrey boat at present the Inhabitants are all run aw from this place our [old] factory being all full of Meerza breegs people horse a foot, Since I came here Prurlue Cawn came with 500 Horse & a 1000^{d}. foot Habbid Cawn remov'd to Ellore I had thoughts of writeing to y^{e}. latter for a pa but consider'd he might send for Me and y^{e}. Consequence might be to deliver r into Fuckleer Cawns Custody being he countinances his proceedings so much a [. . .] reported here y^{t}. Fuckerleer Cawn is so much Enraged ag[ainst] y^{e}. Engli y^{t}. if his own father was living and spoke in their behalf he would not hear hi

TFF.

Those parts of y^{e}. new factory w^{ch}. are flat Rooft want repairing very mu especially in y^{e}. middle where the flag staff runs out lyes so Open y^{t}. y^{e}. Rain has free passage down damaging very much y^{e}. whole building here is Materials enou [in y^{e}. Godown as] Chenam (but good enough wth. out some fresh [mixt] wth. i Nutts, Hemp, Jagary &c^{a}. and if y^{e}. fflag staff is taken out it may be well secur'd f 12 or 14 Pagodas charge as y^{e}. Bricklayers say.

N°. 12.

To the Hon^ble. Willim Fraser Esq^r.
President for R^r. Hon^ble. United Com. .

Govern^t. Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^rs. &c^a.

Yo^r. Hon^rs. Gennerall Ultimo Novem^r. Rec^d. 13 Xber Gennerall 18 Xber receiv'd ditto w^th. 5 Letters deliver'd as directed; sent a Peon w^th. Yarbeages Letter being att Meddore. None of our People return'd from Golcondoth first peons sent y^e. 2 Xber; Dutch peons return'd from thence cant give any acco^t.

Yarbeadge being at Gundore, sent for Dubash & Maldar 15 xb^r. demanded 2 English Swords using forcible words to send them; gave him Notice empty factory; not any shipping coming, no such things were in our Custody request'd his third order for M^r. Faucett to goe Derrigo disanulling his former orders, Answer'd had left government to Derrigo and Auga Gunnie, the not permitting him to goe, such orders was given by y^e. Gusbadar to keep him till his return y^e. 22xber after severall disputes to give them sixty Rupies then they permitted him to goe that day M^r. Faucett went for Madapollam.

This Government treats my Lord Zoude Cawne no better than one of the meeniall Serv^ts. and his writing y^e. same our Gusbad[ar] much disrespects him, he answer'd he must bring another Husball Huckom, thus they act to get money; as for [. . . Zoude] Cawne Title its no more y^n. Water, to give a true precedency to You^r. Orders of mu[ch] more esteem of Yo^r. Hon^rs. order about y^e. Gusbardar sallary if he goes for Bengall, shall follow, never [. .] the Ultimo of Ap^l. last, I have not charged Madapo[lam]Bramine Sallarie in my accomp^t. Yo^r. Hon^r. sent do[wn] his false acco^t. to which I sent my account of his full [sal]lary paid to him, Yo^r. [Hon^r. ?]mentioning his request [to] pay his Sallary to Kitta Narran had I charged I was Oblig'd to pay. This Bramine is a Drunkard, Lyar and Theif all three properties well avert in. The 29 xbr came two Moores 3 Bramines of y^e. Govern[m^t.] to Demand money due from y^e. new Company, Acc[o^t.]Custom, Said they came by Yarbeadges Order having [. . .] of w^t. came ashoar giving notice of a paper given y[^e] Governm^t. not procuring a Phirmaund to pay Custom I gave y^m. a full answer they desir'd me to give Yo^r. Hon^r. notice Yo^r. Hon^r. please to return answer if not they [would] bring people to force it. Meire Backeire and a Bramine, Satcha Narren gives this Information aga[inst] the Company, they enquir'd after M^r. Faucett.

As for M^r. Faucetts Acco^ts. I am a Stranger not giving notice what Servants he kept w^t. money expended had he given precedency to Orders therein I am Oblidg'd.

The ways to Bengall are stop'd at present. Bengall Peons wait for passage upon a Bengall Vessell w^ch. will sail in fewdays—upon this Ship M^r. Thomas Hamilton Master gives acco^t. of y^e. French Ships being expect^d. in there w^n. He came away—cant hear any news from Vizagapatam how Affairs stand there.

The 5 Curr^t. Just now came a boat from Brinlep^m. to this port gave notice to y^e. governm^t. M^r. Hastings att Vizagapatam had seiz'd 12 boats, Derrigoe and Mu[. . .]trareif pretending great loss to y^e. kings port w^ch. loss they expect'd wee must make good. Answer'd Wee did not impose on them Fakeire Cawn Sent 15000 People against that port stopt allways our people and Letters could not pass stoping all trade and provisions paying them for it was no Robery or Breach of friendship Your detaining the kings present from being sent to Bengall as the kings prince Zoude Cawn order'd hearing to y^e. Gusbadar, Sent Arms three times to y^e. factory keeping Us in prison for Your Acting thus have You the kings Order for it Answered we have no Orders from the king, Our people in Government were much [. . .] seen in hearing the Gusbadar was gone we must continue friends. I desir'd them to write to Habitt Cawne y^e. way might be free for our Letters and people to pass, I would write; Also Fake [rla] Cawn to take his people of the Towne wee did not desire any thing but reason to pass if anything done it would be paid him thus wee Accorded.

Metchlep^m. Bramine I gave Yo^r. Hon^r. in my former letter giving him two blows w^ch. my hand in his Letter informs Yo^r. Honour I took his Journ^lls. from, it being not true Accompts of my Own w^th. Goods were Consign'd to Me Returns made by y^e.

Bramine I keep w^{ch}. I proved false and he Own'd it for writing Lyes and false to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. I gave him a Remembrance I have gave him 58 Rupies to Marrie his daughter ever since I have been in y^{e}. factorie very Liberall to him he and Dubash to M^{r}. Faucett great instruments to put him forwards in y^{e}. Charges.

These people take Notice of y^{e}. Princes letter he writing to send the present not mentioning Bengall makes them presume to Send it Golcondath way. Dutch Chief is gone for Pullicatt and Datcheroone to settle Affairs there Merchants not agreeing I humbly crave leave

METCHLEP^{M}.
Y^{E}. 5 JANUARY $17\frac{10}{11}$.

Hon^{d}. S^{r}.
Yo^{r}. most Obedient Servant
PHILIP NODEN.

N^{o}. 13.

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{R}.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR FORT S. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. formerly gave notice of ten Persons belonging to my Lord Zoude Cawne One to re[st] here the other att Setterpolee Came to Gol[con]doth shewd their Orders to y^{e}. Shubaw being from y^{e}. Cawn Conney wth. his chop anex'd thereto would not give them place ha Harsett Cawns or Jullfakeir Badders Chop been thereon they had been permit[ted] to this Goverm^{t}. after many disputes Came away this day arriv'd here from Golcondoth One by Name Auga Musoone first Conveyance by Sea bound for Bengall.

The Washermans Godowne Madapolam is fallen down what Orders Yo^{r}. Honour pleases to give shall follow.

Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. Letters to Habitt Cawne and peons arriv'd y^{e}. 5 curr^{t}. at Night 6 curr^{t}. sent it by our Maldar wth. a peon he being at Ellore Yarbeadge Letters receiv'd this day deliver'd it to Jacob John being an Answer to Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. sent him I [humbly] crave leave

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a},
Yo^{r}. most Obedient Serv^{t}.

METCHLEP^{M}. 6 JAN^{Y}. 1710.

PHILIP NODEN.

N^{o}. 14.

HONOURABLE S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Your much expect'd Letter of y^{e}. 20th. past O. S. Wee receiv'd Yesterday as also y^{e}. 10 Pagodas therein mention'd herewith Comes a Receipt for Wee thank Yo^{r} Hon^{r}. for Yo^{r}. Advice Concerning the french Ships w^{ch}. wee suspect'd to be cruizing off your Road and as wee have news the Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. mention'd in Yo^{r}. P.S. are french w^{ch}. came out of y^{e}. Streights of Malacca who have boarded and taken some Vessells wee humbly desire Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. would Inform Us of y^{e}. Truth of it in w^{ch}. You'll very much [Oblige]

Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}.

PULICAT DATED FEB^{RY}. 2^{D}.

FEB: 4: 1710.

N^{o}. 15.

HONOURABLE S^{R}. &C^{A}

Yesterday three of our S^{t}. Malloes Ships arriv'd, the Maurepa the Lys Brileic and Dargouge they say aboard that the August was gone for France but he is not far off wth. the Vessell of M^{r}. Bell that he has taken they seperated at Mergy too to witt y^{e}. August and Lys Brilac went to y^{e} Straits as far as the Straits of Governardore

they mist the Japan fleet one quarter of an Hour who were at Anchor off Mallacca they chas'd them and all y^e^. Garrison of Mallacca were put on them The French being but two retir'd M^r^. Raoul Monseiur De.Larigne went to Ballasore they have taken Six or Seaven Small prizes among the rest the packquet boat from Battavia to Mallaca they have Copper tinn Seaventy Seaven Bales Pegu goods Some Iron to Sell they will put it up to outcry. They put an Englisman [ashoare] on a Cattamaran at Madrass port [℔ . . . advice . . .] [dispatched] Herewith is the list of Goods Registr'd by Cap^n^. Raymond being w^t^. he has laden for his own acco^t^. which please to forward to y^e^. Hono^ble^ Company ℔ his Ship.

The Europe & Susannah we shall directly dispatch for England by the latter end of this month the President is almost fitted but wanted abundance more than what You express'd to Us we will send her to You loaden w^th^. Rice and Order her first to Vizagapatam w^th^. y^e^. Bales You design'd for the Europe. Enclos'd is the Acco^t^. Current between Your place and this as it stands in our books for [the] last Year by which You'll perceive wee wanted near 20000 Rupees of y^e^. Stocks orderd for Bengall we hope You'll take Care [to] do Us Justice for the future and send Us our full prop[or]tion Orderd by Our Hon^ble^. Employers.

Captain Cornwall Commander of the Sherbonne request'd of Us Seven hundred & fifty Dollers being w^t^. appoint'd by Charter party to be paid in India to supply his Ship w^ch^. Sum we have paid him for w^ch^. his Recei[pt] comes herewith w^ch^. please to forward to the Honoura^ble^. Company. Wee are

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Yo^r^. most humble Servants

BENGALL 17^TH^ JAN^RY^.

ANTHONY WELDON
ROBERT HEDGES.
JN^O^. RUSSELL.
ABRA^M^ ADDAMS.
EDW^D^. PATTLE.
JN^O^. CALVERT.
[SAM: BLOUNT].

(Letter number 16 *is missing).*

N^o^. 17

TO THE [HON^BLE^] WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R^.
GOVERN^R^. &C^A^. COUNCILL OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

By Order of the Govern^r^. & Councill of Fort William wee arriv'd here Yesterday in Order to dispatch this Ship & the Sherbunn for Yo^r^. port & Ships concord & King William Galley for England Captain Raymond having sign'd Bills of lading wee send one of them to You herewith please to Note that there is Omitted in the Bill of lading One thousand bags Rice One hundred & thirty baggs of wheat fifty Jarrs Oyl & forty three bundles match for all which there comes inclos'd a ℔ticular acc^t^. of the Captain whom wee have dispatch [this] Morning. wee are

BENGALL
DATED JAN^RY^. 21^ST^.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Yo^r^. humble Servants

ROB^T^. HED[GES].
JN^O^. RUSSELL.

N°. 18

To the Hon^ble. William Fraser Esq.
& the rest of the Councill Fort S^t. George.

By Order of the Govern^r. & Coun[cill] of Fort William wee arriv'd here Yesterday in Orde[r] to dispatch this Ship & [the] Des Bouverie for Yo^r Po[rt] and Ships Concor[d] & King William Galley for [Europe] Captain Cornwell having sign'd Bills of Lad[ing] wee send One of them to you. Wee are

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Yo^r. humble Serv^ts.
Robert Hedges.
Jn°. Russell.

Bengall
Janry 21st

N°. 19

To the Hon^ble. William Fraser Esq^r.
Govern^r. &c^a. Councill for Affairs
of the Hon^ble. United East India
Company at Fort S^t. George.

Wee expect'd the Sherburn would have taken in all the goods Invoyc'd on her and they were along side her in the Mary Smack but what was ab[out] her not being stowed away to any advantage filled her up and Captain Cornwall said he could take nothing more in he lays the blame on all Stowage on the Carelessness of his Officers this Wee thought reasonable to give You notice of who are

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your very humble Servants
Rob^t. Hedges.
Jn°. Russell.

On board the Bouverie under
Sail from Sagur

the 21^st. January $17\frac{10}{11}$

N°. 20

To the Hon^ble. William Fraser Esq^r.
President for R^t. Hon^ble. Company
Govern^r. Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

The 13^th. currant came our first Peon from Golcandah brought answer w^th. Letters I now send Yo^r. hon^rs. four days after our Peons arriv'd our Gusbadar came to y^e. Suba made great complaints wee not delivering the present to him. He obtain'd a Promise [from] Audolett for fifty Horse beside a Quantity of foot come down break open the Doors force the Present out our people being present gave the Suba account wee were servants some of the present in Bengall, other part Madrass and some at Metchlepetam gave him a full account of our proceeding to the King had be remain'd at Golcondah departing from thence wee desired to carry all to Bengall and go from thence to the King no occasion for horse or foot none here to fight w^th. You the English that reside there desir'd it might be sent as their Master's Order'd if You are minded to force it out there is none to oppose You.

Suba gave Order to Merza Alley Beague Duan to write a letter to Yo^r. hon^r. another to Yarbeague to demand the money for the present to goe to Bengall w^eh. Letter I keep by me till Yo^r. Hon^r. Answer come if they carry it up to Golcondah they will have a present not letting it pass further till thats given if it goes to Bengall the same. What present Dutch gave to Yarbeague here came upto Golcondah in the time of our peons being there I find they expect all presents given to be sent up.

I understand by our peoples return Auga Gunnie cant perform what he promised to procure answer to Yo^r. Hon^rs. letter they desire a speedy answer from me to keep the Gusbadar from coming down w^th. power shall write to him cannot promise any thing till Yo^r. Hon^rs. answer returns.

The 19 Currant our Maldar and Peon return'd from Habid Cawn at Ellore by these Peons [came the letter] our Peon came from Golcondah the other came from

Habid Cawne his Chubdarrs & Servants kept our people from having a quick answer unless wee content them will not admitt them to have their buisness known malldar was forc'd to give them something Habid Cawn writ to me to send them Penknife & Sizers I have none nor any Procureable here.

The two Bengall peons wait for passage by sea not as yet permitting our people to by Land in few days goes a Sloop from hence to Bengall to send them thereon. Copy Meerza Alley letter to Yarbeadgue from Golconda Maddrass Captain in two days send goods for the King desiring leave for the same occasions me to write to You according to what the Cap^{n}. writes presently you must do give me Notice I will send my perwanah wth. orders [write] me the mans name that is to receive them.

Ground Rents demand their money entreat Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. give order for the payment of the same being due in Febru^{ry}. The 23^{d}. came a letter in Moors direct'd to the English fa[ct]ory brought from Mangoll Gurree opned it found it Come from Meeire Timlaes people at the Camp it [come] open to Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. perusal he that writ this letter is a Mangall Gurree. Dutch Cheif is return'd from Pollicall and Datcheroon having made another Contra[ct]. The 23^{d}. came a boat from Bimlep^{m}. 5 Days in the way [...] gave account fuckerlee Cawn brought all his force again[st] Vizagapatam at time Gunns playing 26 December a S[mall] matter of provisions this place not affording I hope [...] Answer to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. will be to Yo^{r}. Content they promise fair to perform the same doth not accord wth. their Temper Bengall peons Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. sent goe On a boat bound for Ganjam to-morrow I humbly crave leave.

METCHLEP^{M}. Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}. &c^{a}.
DATED 25TH. JAN^{RY}. Yo^{r}. most Obedient Serv^{t}.
PHILIP NODEN.

P.S.

This moor that writ the Letter about Clue Island to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. is at Mangoll Guree I gave his peon battee & a Note I had receipt his Letter shou^{ld} dispatch his letter to Yo . Hon^{r}. w^{n}. Answer return'd give him Notice.

No french Ships Here.

№. 21

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORTS S^{T}. GEORGE &
S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Wee have receiv'd Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. of the 31st. past month & Second currant in the first of w^{ch}. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. gives permission for encreasing our intended present to the Duan to the amount of Pagodas 200^{d}. making it equivolent to that lately present'd Suroop Sing tho wee hope there will be no occasion for it especially if the report wee hear be true that pressing letters are sent him continuly to raise his Camp and to march for defence of the Kings Country against the Incursions of the Morattoes who are said to be at Serripee with a Powerfull army.

Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. wants (and wee heartily wish we could send You) some comfortable news of the enlargements of our Captives at Chingee but after all fair means had been tried by sending a present to Surroop Sing and an Egib to discourse him about his demands and waiting two months for an answer there is as little prospect for their releasment as ever w^{ch}. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will perceive by the severall translates of Letters from Seroop Sing &c^{a}. Officers under him w^{ch}. comes herewith upon our Egibs dispatch from Chingee Suroop Sing gave him a Tasharish of a Girdle a piece of Silk & a Turbant for the Hon^{ble}. President of Fort S^{t}. George wth. the same sorts but something worse to the Dep^{y}. Govern^{r}. though in four or five letters to Our Egib the Dep^{y}. Govern^{r}. positively order'd him not to receive any present from Suroop Sing unless our people were clear'd to w^{ch}. our Egib excuses himself by saying he was forc'd to take s^{d}. tasheriff Suroop Sing threatning that if he did not he would confine him neither would he give him one letter or dispatch both the tasherifs is worth about 12 or 14 pagodas w^{ch}. the Deputy Gov^{r}. has receiv'd but

order'd the Egib to carry it away w^th^. him till Yo^r^. Hon^r^. further order about it our Egib after this dispatch had like to have been detain'd at Chingee on account of a pawne of Horses [Caryages...] &c^a^. at Fort S^t^. George belonging to a Merchant of Suroop Sings as Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. will more fully observe by Manobutt Cawns letter to the Govern^r^. which comes enclos'd tis Evident by Suroop Sings unjust demands that he will not clear our people by fair means w^ch^. has been sufficiently experiment'd therefore hope Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. will think of some proper methods to force him to a Complyance some of the relations of the great men at Chingee very often came & reside at severall places near our bounds w^ch^. w^th^. a few topasses we could suprize and secure here if we had Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. ℔mission to do it. Doctor Morton not enjoying his health request Yo^r^. Hon^r^. permission to be discharg'd the Hon^ble^. Companys Service in this place requesting Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. will please to send us another to supply said Vacancy.

Wee are glad to hear the Frederick is dispatchd for Europe w^th^. so good a Cargoe hoping she will arrive in safty at her desir'd port Yesterday arriv'd the boat w^th^. 500 ps of Gunnies after w^ch^. wee immediately went about proportioning the severall sorts of Good's and making new heads for bales. Wee shall Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. &c^a^. orders in putting Gentue Marks & Notes to each bale which takes up a great deal of time as also Yo^r^. Hon^s^. &c^a^. Orders relating to y^e^. same the bales are getting ready to be sent on board with all possible expedition when shall draw out an Invoyce in Gentue in one of our Cheif Merchants name and send a Merchant or good Conocoply on her as directed should these goods be so unfortunate as to fall into the hands of the French wee fear all this precaution will avail but little for if they open but a bail they'll find the Hon^ble^. Companys mark on every individuall peice of Cloth therein.

The french Ships are preparing to Sail having for severall Days carried bales and Pepper on Board and tho wee cant learn the exact time they intend to sail tis Concluded by Most twill be about the begining or Middle of Next week. We are

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
FEBRUARY THE 7^TH^. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

Hon^ble^. S^rs^. &c^a^.
Your most Obedient humble Serv^ts^.

RICH^D^. FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLUE.
RICH^D^. HARRISON.
PHI^P^. BAKER.
MA^W^. WELD.
HEN : COTTRELL.

No. 22

TO THE HON^BLE^. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^. OF FORTS S^T^. [GEORGE] &
S^T^. DAVID &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

This serves chiefly to advice the Necessity Brigatine set sail this Evening between the hours of Six & Seven under the Care & charge of one Dowulgee Serang and four of the Companies Lascars beside the Lascars belonging to said Vessell there is on board her two hundred forty five bales of the Hon^ble^. Comp^y^. w^th^. Gentue marks & Notes in said bales consign'd to Kitt[ee] Naran as ℔ the Gentue Invoyce bill of Loading &c^a^. Olas dd the Serang our Warehouse keepers Conocoply that knows how to rectefie any mistake about the bale Notes &c^a^. Comes over land he being a Braminy and not us'd to the Sea herewith Comes bill of Loading and Invoyce of said bales amounting to pag^ds^. 18846. —. 20. w^th^. [the] severall English bale Notes w^ch^. specifies by whom sort'd, Wee are preparing to dispatch one of the greatest boats wee have here w^ch^. carries about One hundred & twenty bales after w^ch^. there is no more boats procurable that will carry above 50 or 60 bales and these but very few.

This afternoon wee Receiv'd Yo^r. Hon^rs. &c^a. of the 8^th. Instant to w^ch. wee assure Yo^r. Hon^r. that we shall send You all the bales wee possibly can as fast as any good Conveyance offers that will carry a Quantity but to send them by Small boats is an endless trouble wee cannot that M^r. Boone has bought one of the 4 French Ships at Pullecherry tho wee have heard the same report that Yo^r. Hon^r. makes mention of it cannot now be above 3 or four Days before the french Ships in all probability will sail for Europe on advise of w^ch. perhaps Yo^r. Hon^r. may think of reversing Yo^r. Orders of putting Gentue Marks & notes on each bale w^ch. takes up a great deal of time here to do it and must needs do the same at Fort S^t. George to alter it. We are w^th. due respects

Hon^ble. S^rs. &c^a.
Yo^r. most Obed^t. humble Serv^ts.

FORT S^T. DAVID
FEB : THE 10 : $17\frac{10}{11}$.

RICHARD FARMER.
JN^O. BERLUE.
RICH^D. HARRISON.
PHI^P. BAKER :

P.S.
We are in great v innies the Gentue marks for heads of bales having lessned the Stores lately Sent here.

R.F.
J.B.
P.B.

N^o. 23

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R. OF FORTS S^T. GEORGE & S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^RS &C^A.

This serves to Accompany the English bale notes bill of loading and Invoyce of 120 bales laden on a Country boat amounting to Pag : 5274 : 19 : 2 the Warehouse keepers Conocoply Gria Rauz that went here last night can give also some directions about these bales wee shall for some time forbear sending any more bales after this w^th. Gentue or any other marks because the french Ships are just upon their departure beleiving if they met with any Vessell or boat in their way laden with goods after their leaving Pullecherry they would not stand upon Coulours or Marks of bales but would make a prize of anything that they should meet with.

Last Night wee dispatch'd the Necessity Brigatine w^th. 215 bales w^ch. wee hope is arriv'd in Safely the Invoyce bill of loading and bale note of said goods wee sent overland some few hours after the dispatch of said Brigantine w^ch. being the needfull at present Respectfully subscribe

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most humble Servants

FORT S^T. DAVID
FEB : THE 11^TH. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

RICH^D. FARMER.
JN^O. BERLUE.
RICH^D. HARRISON.
MA^W. WELD :

N^o. 24

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^BLE. COMPANY GOVERN^R. FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

My last bore date 25 Jan^y. here enclosed comes my account for three months Novemb^r. December and January cash being short as Yo^r. Hon^r. will find by the enclos'd accompt having before sent Yo^r. Hon^r. a particular acco^t. of Novem^r. having

drawn a Bill on Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. Councill for sixty eight pagodas payable to M^r. Tho^s. Frederick or his Assignes for so much receiv'd of him for the R^t. Hon^ble. Companys account bill dated the 2^d. February w^ch. I humbly entreat Yo^r. Hon^r. please to pay having given the Hon^ble. Company creditt for the same on my account.

The third currant receiv'd two letters from Meerza Mahomhud Shusa at Mangollgurree one for Yo^r. Hon^r. w^ch. comes in company w^th. mine from him will acquaint Yo^r. Hon^r. of his demanding money to supply his wants in they way was robbed of all that he had his servant gives me account he hath an Order for the government of Metchlepatam brought a copy of y^e. Phirmaund of Due Island signed by the Codjee at the Camp perusing the letters Your Hon^r. will understand I writ him a very good Answer gave him notice had sent his former letter and this should forward to Yo^r. Hon^r. tomorrow it lay not in my power to pay any money without Yo^r. Hon^rs. Order in few days might expect answer from Yo^r. Hon^r. orders therein should be Comply'd with.

I gave Yo^r. Hon^r. account of Maddapollam washouse being downe the trouble there since my last this Government hath made another demand of the new Companies custom please to give Answ^er. entreat Yo^r. Hon^r. to favour me w^th. some writing paper none procureable here.

Humbly Entreat Yo^r. Hon^r. give Answer to Habit Cawnes letter to send some penknife Sizers for his sons, Golconda letters and Meerza Mahomud Shuza about Due Island I beleive he was robbed other side Golconda no passing. I humbly crave leave

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Yo^r. most obed^t. Serv^t.
PHILIP NODEN.

METCHLEPATAM
FEB: THE 4^TH. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

P.S.

This Meerza Mahomed Shusa if Yo^r. Hon^r. returns a Satisfactory answer remains quiet he enquired for the Dutch suppose Yo^r. Hon^r. refuses he may apply himself to them Yo^r. Hon^r. please to Invite him to the fort may be a means to brings to perfection this comes by Junn Ancana hired [peon] promises to come in eight days and half.

N°. 25

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

In Yo^r. Hon^rs. much respectd letter of the 12^th. instant wee see with much pleasure Yo^r. Oblidging Offer of the panchalong call'd the Crown of the prince of Bantam taken by the french and bought at Ponticherry for the Sum of 260 Pag^ds. to let us have here at that price but as wee have not sufficient power to transact an Affair of this Nature Wee have wrote a Letter about it to Our Hon^ble. Govern^r. Dan^l. Bernard humbly begging Yo^r. Hon^r. would have patience untill Wee receive An Answer in the meantime Wee are with all Respect.

PULLICATT
DATED FEBRUARY 24^TH. $17\frac{10}{11}$.
RECEIV'D FEBR^Y. THE 14^TH. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

N°. 26

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT FOR R^T. HON^BLE. COMPANY GOVERN^R. FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A. COUNCILL

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

The 11^th. Current in the forenoon there came a peon from our Gusbadar to the factory informs Us Mustapha Beague is at Parchianere w^th. Yarbeague would stay six

days having an Order to receive Seaven Hundred Rupees of him account Salary having an Order from Subah of Golcondah to goe overland himself sent this peon to give notice to write to Yo^r. Hon^r. to send a Ship take the present in for Bengall since orders is come Yo^r. Hon^r. please to dispatch one or give Orders here being severall Vessels bound for Bengall Gusbadar will not come here goe directly from hence Metchlepatam factory pales being loose nails eat away w^th. Rust timbers rotten in the Brick work quarter Peice major part rotten Yo^r. Hon^r. please to send nails plank being loose no Ropes for the Standard at Maddapollam what Orders Yo^r. Hon^r. please to give shall follow humbly crave leave

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Yo^r. most obed^t. humble Serv^t.
PHI^P. NODEN.

METCHLEPATAM
FEB: 11^TH. $17\frac{10}{11}$.
RECEIV'D THE 22^D. FEBRUARY $17\frac{10}{11}$.

N°. 27

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R. OF FORTS S^T. GEORGE & S^T. DAVID
&C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A

Since our last wee have receiv'd Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. of the 10 & 19 instant in the former of w^ch. Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. approves of the Seizing and apprehending by way of reprizall some of the great men that were friends to Suroop Sing we have lain in wait ever since to prosecute the same till Yesterday w^n. wee receiv'd Advises that some men of note were at Pandesholla Nelloor & other places upon w^ch. Wee Order'd One hundred Souldiers & fifty Peons under the Command of Gunner Hugonin to march in the Night to apprehend and Seize said persons and the better to prevent any discovery of their intended march twas given out that said men were going out to Conunore to Conduct some Gentlemen from ffort S^t. George there being boys & palakeens provided for some Gentlemen that more credit might be given to said Report at the same time wee sent thirty Peons out to another place to surprize some Others wee had advice of that lay another way.

This morning the peons return'd and brought two persons they went for prisoners to the fort the Gunner came to the ffort about 11 o'Clock in the forenoon and brought w^th. him three prisoners w^th. severall Arms w^th. two Horses w^th. his endeavouring to take some others tho he had given positive Orders not to fire w^ch. the Souldiers did & killed three men one of w^ch. being a Relation of Suroop Sings his Corps is brought into the ffort having Order'd a Coffin to be made in order to interr him till such time tis demanded tis confest by all that these Raspoots were very desperate some of them begining w^th. our men first giving One Hards a Corporall such a Cut w^th. a Sword on his right Arm that he died of his wounds this Day there is another Souldier Jacobs who has receiv'd a very great wound right down his face besides a Topass that has receiv'd some slighter wound, the Gentlemen are all station'd at their severall posts and the out Guards are all strengthened expecting that Mahobhut Cawn on this Occasion will make some attempts on our bounds but we hope we are pretty well provided to receive him excepting our wants of provisions for w^ch. as well as to defray charges Garrison and to pay our Merchants to whom were considerably indebted, wee humbly request Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a to send Us a supply of money either by Cap^n. Rigbys Sloop or some other conveyance.

We are sorry the bales on the Co[untry] boat should meet with the misfortune of being damag^d. but wee assure Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. that w^th. the two lasscars that went on said boat wee sent two Tarpaulins large enough almost to cover all the bales so that the wetting said bales must be imputed either to the carelessness of the lascars or the people that belonged to the said boat.

We have receiv'd the Contents of the bills of loading by Captain Rigbys sloop and a country boat on the former of which have laden eighty bales and on Ship

Industry 380 bales both intending to Sail the first fair wind that presents which they may do w^th^. safety the ffrench shipps haveing not been heard of since their departure off this place last Sunday in the evening

Wee are
Hon^ble^. S^rs^. &c^a^.
Yo^r^. most Obedient humble Serv^ts^.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
FEB^RY^. 24^TH^. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

RICHARD FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLUE.
RICH^D^. HARRISON.
PHI^P^. BAKER.
MA^W^. WELD.
HEN^Y^. COTTRELL.

P. S.

Chela Nargue(*sic*) a great Pulligar near Chingee has desir'd our protection for some of his people at Trepopolore as he is a profest Enemy to Suroop Sing we have thought fit to grant said request on their promise of sending some forces hither and doing the Chingee Countrie all Damage t hey could.

No. 28

HON^BLE^. S^RS^. &C^A^.

According to what wee wrote You in our last dated 24^th^. of the past month wee gave notice of your kind offer of our Panchialong taken by the french and bought of them by M^r^. Rigby to our Hon^ble^. Govern^r^. Daniell Bernard who has been pleas'd to order us as the said Vessell cannot do us any service on this coast to return Yo^r^. Hon^r^. thanks for Yo^r^. said civill offer as wee do by these present & are w^th^. respect &c^a^.

PULLICATT
MARCH 9^TH^. $17\frac{10}{11}$ [N.S.].
REC^D^. Y^E^. 27^TH^. FEBRUARY $17\frac{10}{11}$.

No. 29

TO THE HON^BLE^. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE^.
PRESIDENT FOR R^T^. HON^BLE^. COMPANY
GOVERN^R^. FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

The 11. current Meerza Mahomud Shuja sent for our Servants to Guddera discours'd the buisness fully to them the new Company Embassadour S^r^. William Norris requested Due of Aurenzeb S^r^. William having difference with Harsett Cawne cheif Minister of State to y^e^. King S^r^. William applying himself to Buttel Cawne he sollicited the King for it the King enquir'd of Harsett Cawne about Due Island he replied give them that Island the will be King of that Countrey not obtaining a grant of it S^r^. William made his application to this Bergama about it she replied You should first have made this Harsett C[awne] Your friend and not employ'd Buttell Cawne then You would have obtain'd a grant now it cant be mention'd nor obtain'd this she promis'd I will in time procure it for You and she has a grant for it sent this man to You about it he lives very privatly severall people know him invite him to be w^th^. them goes to none till he hears from You telling our Servants all this time being here had Yo^r^. Master Power to Supply me with 200 Rupees I had

been at Madrass and satisfied the Gentleman sent letters on the way and quick Answer return'd wth. the Phiramaund to give Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. Acc^{ot}. of all Occurences he seems very Cautious of discoursing it.

This Day I some discourse wth. another Gusbadar that came in Company wth. ours from Golcondah [. . .] Yarbeague hath Orders from the [. . .] [shipps off] [. . .] Bengall he to pay Two thousand Rupees sallary due from [the] King and he to goe Overland I humbly crave leave

METCHLEPATAM
Y^{E}. 14TH. FEB: $17\frac{10}{11}$.
RECEIV'D THE 28TH. FEBRU^{Y}. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

HON^{BLE}. S^{RS}. &C^{A}.
PHI^{P}. NODEN.

No. 30

TO THE HON^{BLE}. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT FOR R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. COMPANY
GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{RS}. &C^{A}.

The 6th. Currant receiv'd letter from Moorza Mahomod Shuja being come to Guddera desir'd mee to send my Palakeen & boys haveing something to dis[cuss] with me in private the 7th. I sent my Palakeen & boys [c^{a}.] came to mee formerly in Aurenzebs time some of our people had sollicited to have Diu Island and made their application to Bargama Aunt to Meerza Mahomod Shuj[a]. This women is Meire Tumlaes daughter she sollicited Aurenzeb for it then was not willing to grant it ab[out] two Years agoe Gov^{r}. of Maddrass sollicited her to use her endeavour to procure a grant for it since She has made it her buisness to sollicite Shawlume for it he answerd those parts are in great trouble cant be brought to be quiet should I grant it to the English they wou[ld] take that Kingdom from mee and not keep in my cou[nsel] but side with the Natives she replied have not the English kept up Meer Tumlaes name rebuilt his [. . .] from selling it they are no such people Yo. Majesty deliver it to them that Kingdom will be quiet Yo^{r}. name will remaine all the Natives stand in fear of them and they will assuredly stand in Yo^{r}. Councill.

Shawallum gave a Phirm^{d}. in our name deliverd it to her she drew a Copy signd by the Codjee in the Camp deliverd it to her kinsman to offer Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. the same w^{n}. he came from Camp had two Elephants 400 Horse 100 foot have power from the King to govern some part of Carnatta Countrie in the way met wth. a strong party of Morattoes fought him killed most of his foot about thirty horse was taken prisoners kept five months saved Coppy of this Phymaund, being sewed up in old Coats lineing informs me sent his letter to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. on the 4th. Current by Tum Ancana here comes another letter of his to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. he being much necessitat'd begged for a Small Carpett and twenty Rupees till Yo^{r}. Hon^{s}. answers comes hee keeps private will not be known his own letter to Yo^{r}. Hono^{r}. must make appear the truth that affair I wait an answer thereto.

Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. Generall 24th. January Rec^{d}. y^{e}. 5th. Currant here is a Report of the [Gusbadar] is returnd to Jarbeague to percaveire. I humbly crave leave

Hon^{r}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Yo^{r}. most Obedient Servant
PHILLIP NODEN.

P. S.

This comes by M^{r}. Raworths
Conocoply return'd from Bengall
being taken near Pegu

METCHLEPATAM
FEBRUARY THE 10TH $17\frac{10}{11}$.
RECEIVED THE 28TH. FEBRUARY $17\frac{10}{11}$.

No. 31

To the Honble. William Fraser Esqr.
President & Governr. of Forts St.
George & St. David &ca. Councill

Honble. Srs. &ca.

Wee wrote Yor. Honr. &ca. of the 24th. I[nst.]advising the unfortunate accident of our Souldiers killing three of Suroop Sings people in their endeavours only [to] Surprize and seize them for which wee must expect to meet wth. some troubles from Mahobutt Cawne or [others] under Suroop Sing tho with the few men we have provided wt. possibly wee can against it This serves to Enclose Invoyce and Bill of Loading for 80 bal[es] loaden on the Sloop Crown of the Prince of Bantam amounting to Pagds. 2508: 11: Wee are

Honble. Srs. &ca.
Yor. most Obedient Servants
Richd. Farmer.

P.S.

Since writing the foregoing Mahobutt Cawne is makeing great preparations to come against Us to desire Yor. Honr. &ca. would please to send Us a Recruit wee having but 18 men upon the guard in the ffort after having strengthd the Out Guards.

Jn. Berlue.
Richd. Harrison.
Phi. Baker.
Maw. Weld.

R.F.
J.B.
R.H.
P.B.
M.W.

Fort St. David
dated 25th. Febry. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

No. 32

To the Honble. William Fraser Esqre.
President for Rt. Honble. Compay. Governr. of Fort St. George & Councill.

Metchlepatam
Feb. 21st. $17\frac{10}{11}$

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Recd. March 3d. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

The 21st. Currant took out the present goods to clean the Room and look over the bales found the white ants got into the Room found three Cases of the brandy eat up having just begun on two boxes having eat the gunnies. Only all the other Goods well having placed them on Horses wth. Salt round their feet to Secure them from further danger shall buy or make Cases for the brandy & Gunnies to sow them up.

I gave you account of Meerza Mahomud Suja sent his three Letters in one of them he Informs mee he inclosd a perwanna sign'd by the Cojee of the Camp for Deu he is much pressing to give him money to proceed to Madrass he has nothing here to supply his Necessities but what I have let him have till Yor. Honrs. Answer returns which he daily waits for I humbly entreat Yor. Honr. give a speedy answer.

Wee are informd a Chubdar wch. is to come wth. orders to send the present away am not certain he comes from Golconda or from Yarbeague the 20th. receivd a letter from Golconda advising the money proffered Auga Gunnie for the Suba to grant leave for the present will be demanded that Order comes I humbly crave leave

Honble. Srs.
Yor. Most Obedt. Servt.
P. Noden.

N°. 33

To the Hon^ble. William Fraser Esq^re.
President & Govern^r. of Forts S^t. George & S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^rs. &c^a.

By Cap^n. Rigbys Sloop wee sent Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. 80 bales at w^ch. time we were about dispatching Ship Industry w^th. bales but receiving advices from Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. of y^e. 24^th. past month that the 4 S^t. M[alloe] ships and a Sloop were seen off Saddrassapatam near that time we thought it not safe to dispatch her till further advices of the French Ships tho at that time had she been dispatch she could have made no great hand of it because of the N E. Win[d] we had here w^ch. lasted for many Days. The day before Yesterday wee receiv'd Advices from y^e. Gov^r. &c^a. at Negapatam that they are inform'd from Beeticaloe & Trincomela by way of Jeffnepatam that the four S^t. Malloe Ships & a Sloop were in Sight of Said places some ffishermen ther give an Account that they heard severall Gunns after w^ch. three ships were seen at an Island call'd Punne Cadave & two more near Callattee by all w^ch. t'is Concluded that the french have taken some Ship there God grant it be not one belonging to the English.

Wanting money to defray Charges Garrison &c^a. expences wee have therefore drawn a Bill upon Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. for Pag^ds. 899 : 9 payable to M^r. Tho^s. Frederick w^ch. hope Yo^r. Hon^rs. & will please to discharge. Wee have laden on Ship Industry 435 bales amounting to Pag^ds. 29815 . 28 . 2 as ℔ Invoice and bill of Lading w^ch. comes herewith.

Wee have sent our Egib to Chingee to return the Tashariffs Suroop Sing sent to the Hon^ble. President of Fort S^t. George and y^e. Deputy gover^r. at y^e. same time sending Letters to Suroop Sing and the severall Officers at Chingee to Demand our people which if they refus'd to deliver them wee protest'd against them that they must be answerable for whatever might happen upon s^d. Occasion and because we are well accquainted w^th. the delatory excuses of not answering our letters at Chingee wee have therefore limited the Egibs stay for 48 hours in which time if he doth not then receive their answer he is to return then without them.

Tis said the Sherburn is coming here w^th. men Ammunition &c^a. for our Succour but as Yet we hear nothing of her enclosd comes a List of Stores wanting in this Garrison w^ch. Request Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. to supply with when an Oppertunity offers wee w^th. due respects

Fort S^t. David
March the 19^th. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

Hon^ble. S^rs. &c^a.
Your most Obedient humble Serv^t.

Richard Farmer.
Jn°. Berlue.
Ric^b. Harrison.
Ph^r. Baker.
Matt^w. Weld.
Hen : Cottrell.

N°. 34

Hon^ble. S^r. & Worthy Friends

Your esteemd Letter of y^e. $\frac{1}{11}$ Instant shews Us Yo^r. civility to our former desire in delivering the three Sailers and the Souldier upon which on the 9^th. Instant out of respect [to] the pardon wee sent you Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. may be assurd tha[t] notwithstanding the Souldiers name is not in it. He shall receive the same favour as the Seamen in the mean time wee return You our hearty thanks for it assuring You wee shall be very ready to serve You on all Occasions. Wee cannot but Inform You that Yesterday wee receivd News frem Batticaloa and Trincomolla by way of Jaffnepatam

that the four S^{t}. Mallœ Ships wth. the Sloop that saild from Ponticherry last Month wee heard off of Trincomella & Battecoloa y^{e}. 23^{d}. 25th. & 26th. of the same month and the ffishermen that came from Sea heard firing of Guns the 25th. at night and y^{e}. 26th. in y^{e}. morning and saw off Punne Cadave three ships and two more off Callattee if it be so it must be a prize they have taken God grant that our Companys Ships & Vessells and also Yo^{r}. may escape them. Wee are

NEGAPATAM

MARCH Y^{E}. 16 : $17\frac{10}{11}$.

TO THE DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}. & COUNCILL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID

N^{o}. 35

TO THE HON^{BLE}. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{RE}.
GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

GENTLEMEN.

At 7 last night I anchored in Fort S^{t}. Davids Road and this day the Souldiers landed according to the Deputy Gover^{rs}. Orders likewise the treasure &c^{a}. stores I past pullecheiry in ten fathom water there lay a Ship & three Sloops in the Road the Ship is a prize they took since my Arrivall here am Inform'd the ffrench fell in wth. Battecoloa on Zeylone and there took three ships the Dutch writes the News tis feard the S^{t}. George is one that was encourag'd to sail from Po^{t}. Pedro wth. two Dutch Ships of force that lay there but this I perceive a Supposition it may be our Bengall Ships that Saild late the Dutch give certain News the ffrench were seen eight in number off that place and they heard a great many Gunns I have nothing further to add at present only in Relation to y^{e}. Current in Case Yo^{r}. Ho^{r}. &c^{a}. should send any ships or vessel this way it is adviceable they dont go further in the Offin than twenty fathom for I found the current run here two mile an hour and the winds very scant M^{r}. Aron Jones is arriv'd here and brings news of the Arrivall of Captain Needham at the West Coast & the French seem possitive as to a Cessation of Arms likewise informe mee dont Suffer the Dutch &c^{a}. to fish round Scotland as usuall the consequence of w^{ch}. will Employ our force at Sea and Commence a severe warr wth. y^{e}. Dutch I find this News Confirmd by two Ships of ours that arrivd at Battavia two months [...]

SHE[R]BONE FRIGGAT
FORT S^{t}. DAVID ROAD

I am Honrd. S^{rs}. & Gentlemen
Yo^{r}. most humble Servant

MARCH THE 10TH. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

HEN : CORNWALL.

N^{o}. 36

TO THE HON^{BLE}. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORTS S^{T} GEORGE & S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON.^{BLE}. S^{RS}. &C^{A}.

This acknowledges the Rec^{t}. of Yo^{r}. Ho[n^{rs}.] of the primo and 7th. Instant the former of w^{ch}. came by the Sherborne wth. 8000 Pag^{ds}. and severall Stores as ℔ the accompanying lists Invoyce and bill of Loading the Stores are not all yet come ashoar so cannot advise if the Quantity comes out right nor the Condition they are in but after they are hous'd shall examine into both and give Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. an account thereof the Military by said ship are stationd at the Companys Garden w^{ch}. is contiguous to y^{e}. Outguards of Trepopulore and Billeveroynutum the better to march to the releif of said places in Case of an Allarm. Wee shall observe Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. Orders Relating to Cap^{n}. Jn^{o}. Roach and [that] he have a Horse to view the bounds whensoever he requires it.

By Ship Industry Wee sent Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. 435 bales w^ch. had been on board said Ship many days having kept and detained her so long on Account of the advices Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. gave Us that the French Ships were seen and spoken with off Sadrassapatam w^ch. wee esteemed a sufficient Reason for her detention but if Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. had any Urgent Occasion for s^d. Bales your Hon^r. &c^a. might overland soon have sent an Order for them w^ch. should have been readily obey'd.

Do^r. Morton by the permission Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. gave him of being dischargd the the Companies Service is very pressing to leave this place and is resolved to be gone when M^r. Jones Sloop sails for ffort S^t. George if wee could have got Do^r. Hamilton to Supply his place it had been well enough but Cap^n. Cornwell says he cannot spare him so that when D^r. Morton is gone the Fort & Cudolere must be without a Surgeon w^ch. is a very great disheartning to all in generall but more particular the Military at this Juncture if Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. please to send M^r. Jolly or any good Surgeon to reside here before M^r. Mortons departure twill be a generall satisfaction in hopes of Which crave leave to subscribe

HON^BLE. S^RS. &C^A.
Your most Obedient Servants

FORT S^T. DAVID
MARCH Y^E. 13^TH. $17\frac{1}{11}$.

RICHARD FARMER.
JN^O. BERLUE.
RICH: HARRISON.
PHI^P. BAKER.
MAT^W. WELD.
HEN: COTRELL.

N^o. 37

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE
GOVERN^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A. COUNCILL.

GENTLEMEN

I Deliver'd You a Petition just before I saild from Yo^r. Port concerning my Surgeon that I perceive wasent (*sic*) aboard Surgeon of the party of Souldiers that came ou[tt] for this place (and assume the same) if it is Yo^r. pleasure [to] confirm it my ships compa^y. will all leave me at this port and I shall petition the same I have very often in writing satisfied y^e. consequence of such proceedings and without a speedy Releif I fear a great disturbance may arise from my peoples resentment then is at present apprehended I pray Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will please to take this into Consideration in order to prevent the misfortunes that appear on this Occasion. I am

SHERBORNE
IN FORT S^T. DAVID ROAD,
MARCH THE 13^TH $17\frac{1}{11}$.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a. Gentlemen
Yo^r. most Obedient Servant
HEN: CORNWELL.

N^o. 38

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE.
PRESIDENT FOR THE R^T. HON^BLE. COMPA^Y.
GOVERN^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R.

The 8^th. Currant came five peons of the Hon^ble. Compa^y. from Bengall wanting money for the way I supplied them with 8 Rupees paid to Mona[...] Ram[m ...] give Yo^r. Hon^r. Account.

Meerja Mahomud Shuja that came from the Camp is very urgent for answer daily demanding money for his Charges also for the way to Maddrass Yo^r. Hon^r. not giving answer I am at a stand peon returning am not certain Yo^r. Hon^r. received the Letters having no an[s]wer.

Golconda letters receiv'd this day also by the same peon Shaw Ibram is in Golconda promising to write in three days a full account what must be given to the Shuba liberty of the present letter requesting Yo^r. Hon^rs. answer. They accquaint mee the Shuba has sent his perwanna down not mentioning to whom Dutch peons came in Company from thence their Braminys write Shawallums Grandson is expected to come to Golconda.

The new Factory at Maddopollum hath a Flagstaff standing topp of the House by strong winds is loose by that means the Roof is much Shaken having a f[r]ee passage part of the Timbers are rotten I have writ to the Braminy take it down lay the Tiles and chinnam it. I humbly crave leave

Hon^ble. S^rs. &c^a.
Yo^r. most Obedient Serv^t.
PHI^p. NODEN.

METCHLEPATAM
9^TH. MARCH $17\frac{10}{11}$.

P.S.

I have given Yo^r. Hon^r. account of Metchlep^m. ffactory pales being loose ready to fall nails being eat up by the rust Ropes for the standard being all rotten I will write again to Yarbeague to procure a Second Order to turn people out of Maddaplom Factory.

N°. 39

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE.
PRESIDENT FOR R^T. HON^BLE. COMPA^Y.
GOVERN^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^E. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R.

Peone latchana return'd the 23^d. February without answer w^ch. makes Meerza Mahomud Suja in a dispairing condition for his Expences he has had near 40 rup^s. still demanding more the 5 Current receives his letters desires me to send a peon in company w^th. his to Yo^r. Hon^r. to return the parwana signd by the Codjee of y^e. Camp he declares he sent it to Yo^r. Ho^r. enclos'd in his letter complains of me in not supplying w^th. mony not waiting on him demanding to send my Pallakeen for him to come to y^e. Factory create charges having no answer from Yo^r. Hon^r. here enclose his letter writ to me I procur'd a Maddrass peon to accompany him to lessen the charges. I humbly crave leave

METCHLEPATAM
6 MARCH $17\frac{11}{12}$.
Rec^d. the 26^th. D°. 1711.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Yo^r. most Obedient Serv^t.
PHILIP NODEN.

N°. 40

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R. OF FORTS S^T. GEORGE & S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON. S^R.

Our last was of the 13^th. Instant since w^ch. have receivd Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. of the 20^th. wherein is advisd y^e rec^t. of 80 bales ℔ the Crown Sloop and 435 bales by the Industry wee have now in readiness to sort about 75 or 80 bales wee shall send ℔ y^e. Sherburn as soon as our present troubles are somewhat accomodated the 21^st. Instant wee Orderd Cap^n. Roach w^th. y^e. party he brought from Fort S^t. George & Cap^n. Courtney to Join him w^th. about 100 men & 200 peons to march into y^e. Waldore Countrey and to use all acts of hostility there as also against any that dare to opose them y^e. Aco^t. of their proceedings and engagement with y^e. Moores comes herewith being Coppys of Cap^n. Roachs letters there is various Accounts of y^e. loss of y^e enemys horse & foot but tis certain they have lost considerably of both beside some

men of Note tis difficult at present to get an exact Account but a little time will sufficiently demonstrate. the truth thereof wch. shall remitt Yor. Honr. &ca. more perfect Account of the Enemys dead & wounded there has been severall Towns and abundance of paddy burnt Some of wch. was done in the face of the Enemy who were not able to prevent it after our men are recruit'd and recover'd themselves wee shall then think of sending them out again to do them and their Country al[so] the Damage wee can wch. must now be the only means to make Suroop Sing hearken to Reason and release [all] Captives.

The Invoyce and bill of loading for what Stores sent Us on a Country boat wee have recd. but sd. boat is not Arrivd.

Wee are glad Yor. Honr. &ca. has agreed wth. Monsr. Jolley as Surgeon for the place till the arrivall of whom wee shall accquaint Mr. Morton wth. Yor. Honrs. &ca. Orders about him.

Wee shall observe Yor. honrs. &ca. orders about Mr. Smith and pay him his Sallary as orderd tis needless to remind Yor. Honr. &ca. of sending us a Supply of money to pay the Merchants for what Indebt'd to them and to defray the great expences wee are now at because Yor. Honr. &ca. promis'd in Yor. generall letter by the Sherborne that You would send Us speedily another Supply wch. being the needful at present crave leave to subscribe

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedient Servts.

Rip. Farmer.
Jno. Berlue.
Rip. Harrison.
Php. Baker.
Maw. Weld.

P. S.

At Chingee they are raising all the forces they can to come against Us if we had a Ship of Countenance to lie here it would very much animate our Inhabitants who otherwise may desert their bounds.

Fort Sr. David
March 24th. $17\frac{10}{11}$

R. F.
J. B.
R. H.
P. B.
M. W.

Worspll. Sr. No. 41

After having marched all night we arrived at ye. place appointd. between Six & Seaven in the morning wee attack'd ye. Fort in three severall places and after ye. continuance of ye. attack for an hour all the Waldore forces appear'd in sight both Horse & foot when wee drew off our men to face them and ye. situation of the fort being woody wee drew off into ye. plain a skirmish'd with them for about 7 or 8 hours without the loss of a man they loosing five or Six Horsemen wee burnt some paddy and two or three of their Villages before their faces, our Cooleys were so base that when wee engag'd the moors in the plain they all desert'd us and our peons were so bad that they durst not look ye. Enemy in the face wee had both of our great gunns disabl'd before ye Fort one split and ye. other Carriage was broke so that for want of Cooleys to bring them off wee forc'd to nail them up we have had four or five men wounded before the Fort I designe this morning to march before Chinkakoile where I hope Yor. Worship will hear further from Us the Moors are Scouting about Us had our men been well disciplind and under good command as they have brutall bravery

without the least Conduct I should have given Yo^r. Wor^p. a far better account of Yesterdays action I hope Yo^r. Wor^p. will please to send out 8 or ten dooleys to bring off our Sick men.

I am
Worsp^ll. S^r.
Your Worsp^s. most Oblig^d. Serv^t.
ROACH.

MARCH THE 22^D. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

N°. 42

WORSP^LL. S^R. MARCH 23^D. $17\frac{10}{11}$.

This morning at 4 of the Clock I sent You a ℘ticular account of what hapned Yesterday by M^r. Berlues peon Just before our arrivall at this place I sent another message to Yo^r. Worsp that we were arriv'd at Conicoile in order to go to Sinkacoile to put in execution the same as I have done this day & Yesterday upon the lands of the King of Chingee without any opposition from the Moors which makes Us beleive they did not like their Reception Yesterday.

MARCH 23^D.

I am
Worshipfull S^r.
Your Worships most humble Servant
JN^O. ROACH.

P. S.

Upon second Con our men very much fatigued and our provisions and Liquor wholly expended Wee think it proper to let going to Sinkacoile alone. Idem I hope Yo^r. Wor^p. will be pleasd to provide provisions for the men to night.

N°. 43

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R. &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

I am still in an Itenerant condition and not likely to get my passage to Vizagapatam by land that place being blockt up ever since y^e. begining of Novem^r. last & still Continues so & by sea yet uncertain since my last to Yo^r Hon^r. I apply'd myself unto Habid Cawne for his dustick w^ch[. . .][aying] that he would not be Instrumentall in [...] w^ch. Fukerla Cawne had shut [...] up against the English except it was for his advantage in getting his demands tho y^e. Dutch here w^th. some others are of Opinion that it would have signified nothing not perceiveing Fuckerlee Cawne to have a dependance upon him being both answerable as they suppose to the Suba of Golconda and what confirms them y^e. more in this belief is the treasure that is sent directly from Fuckerlee Cawne to the Suba who tis Said has a great kindness for him especially for raising so much money in those parts hence the Dutch seeks to the Suba to have Redress for the affronts and greivances Habid Cawne who gives out that he belongs to the prince that y^e. designs upon the Rogers may be the better manag'd as it seems to appear by their present proceedings for whilest he assures them of protection he leaves them in his friendly traps to be catcht by his Enemy as he pretends Meerza Beeg is who has now surrounded three of them in Ellore Fort Viz^t. Rangrose Timerose and another Appero narrowly escaping in w^ch. action severall are killed has put upon them a pollicull molesting and Obstructing all their affairs and multiplying the Number of his Horsemen till he has got his Demands.

Here has been no Opertunity by Sea nor from Metchlepatam for me till now a Country boat going to Ganjam upon w^ch. I had agreed and paid for my passage and this [moor] upon the News brought here by [...] have deserted to Vizagapat[am] [. . .] another fight except severall other people and the [Town] be deliverd him y^e. Owner of the boat tells me his Lasca[r] refuses now to touch at Vizagapatam and that he dare not carry me for fear of Fuckerleer Cawn who will ruin him &c^a. and if I will force him to carry me I [can] give him security to this purpose they say in Me[tchle]patam also.

I herewith send two months expences account I liv'd that time in Metchlepatam provisions were near three times as dear as in my remembrance so that I could not live creditably for [...] than charged the Subahs Gusbadar &c^{a}. batty was fir[st] advanced by M^{r}. Noden w^{ch}. he after stopt out of y^{e}. 400 Pa[g^{ds}.] paid me of Meverills. and y^{e}. Rupees given amongst [...] cost Jacob John many hard and tedious disputes particularly y^{e}. broad Cloth till which was promisd [two] of our Cheif Servants were made to stand up to y^{e}. [...] in Water in this as well as in every other particular I shall be obliged w^{n}. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. pleases to pass these [...] accounts about the Kings Gusbadars batty there has been a full acco^{t}. given y^{e}. last time I saw or hear from him was at y^{e}. Durbar when he read y^{e}. papers of State after w^{ch}. he call'd my Dubash and told him he was then satisfied I had performd my promise to him yet he c[ould] not take off y^{e}. peons for his own security being M^{r}. [...] had declard he had nothing to do wth. the present I have been very sorry in having incurrd Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{a} displea[sure] and Desire Youll forgive what was done amiss [. . .] perillous affair the looking back upon which seems to me to have requir'd a more than Ordinary reach of Wisdom to have manag'd it So as not to have Committ'd a false steps having an assistant which start'd and quite left mee many days before the Kings Gusbadar arrivd taking an Occasion to Quarrel with me as his custom has been wth. M^{r}. Lovell and every body that he has had to do with for refusing to sign a Letter of his own penning for Meerza Beeag in this unfitting to be sent him as every One said that saw it for he left it in the Bramminys hands as a Testimony he lays all the blame upon him about the present yet to avoid an Irreconcileable difference I offer'd to a letter to y^{e}. same purpose wth. some alterations but he would admit of none wee was then at dinner when he said he had done wth. the present and would be no more concern'd after he came and would have it remov'd and had all which I refusd so that I never had his company more to eat or drink with me tho often invited or any friendly discourse when I sent to him about passing September expences he never would come nor send a direct answer Yet he would tacitely own himself in the Companys Service by signing to a Joint letter if he liked it these were the politicks he made use of to Shelter himself from the Gusbadar before his Coming and after what might happen pretending in publick that he was [out] of the Service &c^{a}. when Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. [&c^{a}. . . .] came to Us he declared perfectly. I have enquir'd of Auga Moyna Resident here for One of the Kings Sons to make Chints he gives a [great] account of Begama having great power at Court always Resident there of her brother Mahomud Cawne being the Children of Meer Jamula in great esteem also of his son Hasser Cawne the same account he gives of these but for any account of Mahomud Shuja he is altogether a stranger.

Mahomud Shuja cant give any account w^{t}. people requested this Island being not at Court at that time he affirms about nine Year agoe one of our people came desird this Island. Oranzeb would not grant it Harsett Cawne being agst. it some two or three Years agoe Govern^{r}. of Madrass wrote about it to bagama.

Cojee at Camp dare not signe it false to prove his Seal is difficult it being at a great distance he intreats Yo^{r}. [Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.] to return the perwanna.

Inclosd [. . .] Gunnies Letter gives notice Order is come from the Subah for the present to goe by sea to Bengall demands the sum promisd by me and Jacob John to be paid downe not Complying will not lett it goe off at that time. Troubles were so great by means of the Gusbadar Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. & Zodees Cawnes letters were thrown out of the Tent of Yarbeage peons on the Factory then y^{e}. Dutch making their present as I in my former letter advisd Yo^{r}. Hon^{r} this Auga Gunnie being sen[t] as a Mediator from Yarbeage sent for me [. . .] portuguese padre to mediate this [. . .] power, Present to be shipt off for Bengall all difference[s] cease in their presence promis'd 500 Rupees to y^{e}. Sub[ah . .] also then I advisd Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. it might stand in 200 Rup[ees] more to Yarbeage and Governm^{t}. Yo^{r}. please to send for Jacob John being at Madrass He will give Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. an account of w^{t}. past Dutch or any other people that have Orders for their affairs to pass free theyll tell you it shall be performd but withall You must remember them and they will have it, The Dutch gave when acco^{ts}. made up amounted to three thousand rupees what orders You give shall follow.

Metchlepatam Factorie pails are much decayd timbers & planks Yo^r. Hon^r. mentions send rod Iron downe make the nails w^t. length wee please Smith Work is dear ¼ pagoda ℔ Maund, Your Hon^r. pleases to make the nails there about 5 Maund length 3½ Inches and 4 will do Rop es] on the Standard are Rotten.

I will send one to Madapollam w^th. money to people that work on the Chinnam w^t. is necessarie to be done to y^e. new factorie brick work on the two standards that Chinnam at Maddapollam factorie is not good so old strength is gone.

Tents came downe with y^e. present w^n. that is cleard may send the Tents to Yo^r. Hon^r.

Fuckerlee Cawne has Issued out Orders to all ports on the Coast none to carry any provision nor any provisions to Vizaga[patam] by which means I cant send [. . .] nor anything to [the] [. . .] att the gate saying I had taken part with the Gusbar the Companys Enemys &c^a. an[d] that there was no respect [due] to me so what I was forced to suffer after was a Continuall abuse as to y^e. musick &c^a. Servants he declar'd to me he did not write about it having been allow'd himself all y^e. state of a Cheif in Govern^r. Higginsons time both here and at Metchlepatam with 40 peons before him when there was occasion to represent the companys affairs to the Government he judged them necessary at my first coming and if his hand for it be not sufficient there is a great many witnesses and now I protest by all that is sacred and good that when I have consider'd of the Endearing expressions and proferd favours y^e. Gusbadar made me provided I went [along] w^th. the present pretending a ℔ticular affection for me on account of my behaviour the first day he came to y^e. Factory did not move me to more than an Indifferency in going and when I have ruminated and often thought what Orders might come from Madrass it seem'd alike to me wether to Vizagapatam or along with y^e. present accordingly I made provision taking witnesses before the Officers and at all times when the agreements was confirmd that if Orders came for Vizagapatam thither [must] goe if along with the present I was also willing [. . .] all then and from whence it will follow that my chief design was for my Honour^d. Masters Interest in rendring them the best Service if orderd to y^e. Camp or Court I was capable of and to let Yo^r. Hon^rs. &c^a know the Truth of all Occurrences.

MADDAPOLLAM

MARCH 7:17$\frac{10}{11}$

REC^D. THE 30^TH. DITTO 1711.

Hon^d. S^rs. &c^a.

Your most Obedient Servant

T: FAUCETT.

P.S.

The owner of y^e. boat mentiond finding she will be stopt offers now to take me in Who am as weary & fatigued by being pennd up here amongst y^e. barrend leasures of Solitude as I beleive I should have been by travelling in Company over the Deserts of Arabia.

T: FF.

N^o. 44

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE.
PRESIDENT FOR R^T. HON^BLE. COMP^A. AND GOVERN^R. OF
FORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^RS. &C^A.

Yours dated the 3^d. Currant rec'd y^e. 13^th. with a Coppy of the perivanna y^e. 15^th. I went to y^e. Garden sent for Mahomud Suja discours't it fully to Him he Affirms it true not any deceit therein.

This Bagama is Meer Jumlias own Daughter never married always residing in the Kings house nothing of such grants passes without her consent thereto. He had a Son call'd Mahomud Aume[. . .] Cawn being dead left a Son [call'd . . .] having a blemish [. . .] a Letter from Fuckerlee Cawne and

another from bare[tta] Modena wth their Order to make up the buisness but after we had agreed about the principall Sum 6500 Pagodas he demanded Interest or profit by trading wth. his money and allowance for his great Charges and trouble with Vizagapatam Town money and told Us that the Nabob swore he would eat pork sooner than he would relinquish his pretensions to the Same w^{ch}. [will] matter of no small astonishment to Us and too plainly confirmed the Grounds of our Suspition that all his Correspondence and method of treating was only an Arti[fice] to carry on the business of raising his batteries and moving his Guns which Bailey and another deserter having perswaded him would be effectuall to gett possession of Vizagapatam we could see no hopes of making up our differences in a Friendly manner and having the melancholly prospect of his advancem^{t}. there remaind only a Resolution to Attack one part of his Camp[before] his Works were perfected and the Rajahs wth. their great numbers should Join, accordingly the 5th. [at] break of Day Ensign Dixon with about 50[Soldiers] made a [Salley] from the Northern Gate and ascending the Sand Hill defeated the Camp on that Side [. . .] 700 men taking 4 Guns each of Six hundred [. . .] wth. a patterero ammunition &c^{a}. w^{ch}. was perform'd [. . .] the loss of One man on our Side and the Ensigns horse shot under him but sundry dead & wounded on the Enemies.

Fuckerla Cawn has mounted about Seaven Gunns on a Strong battery called the Dolphins Nose hill about 300 Yards to the Southward of the mouth of our River which hinders all Vessels coming or going over the Bar and on the 7 Instant he began to fire upon the factory discharging that and the Day following upwards of a hundred shot from two to nine pound which (thank God) have only killed two Lascars and wounded 5 Inhabitants. Wee promisd our selves great success against that Battery wth. our Bombs but the Morter Shells Carriage an fusees are all defective so that of number 40 fir'd not above six or seaven fell into the Enemys Works.

Some Shot were fir'd at the Recovery but parting from her Cable she fell wth. the Current to the Northward receiving no Damage we were in hopes to have dispatchd her to You wth. advice of our Condition but proving too leaky for the Voyage or to be further serviceable to y^{e}. Company we discharg'd her the 13 Instant and she is proceeded to Bengall.

Wee have often attempt'd sending Letters overland but in vain and although Fuckelee Cawne sent us the [two] Inclos'd for the Hon^{ble}. Govern^{r}. wee could not get a Dustick for the peons to pass and the severitys he shows to all people strikes a Terrour. He is now gone to an Interview with some Rajahs as we hear to bring their [. . .] against Us w^{ch}. make these fellows take courage to [come] but we must wait a safer oppertunity for Our accounts Consultations Diaries and the papers that have pass'd between us and Fuckerlee Cawne in the mean time b [. . .] You will accept in good part this short but faithfull relation of our misfortunes in the plane method and so kind as to send Us wth. the greatest Expedition a supply of Cash for our Charges which are very great also 10 or 15 Garse of Rice if they should not permitt M^{r}. Noden to Supply us from Metchlepatam.

Wee dont see that any reasonable Sum will satisfie Fuckerlee Cawne wherefore if You resolve to keep the Settlement it will be convenient for all Vessells bound to the Northw^{d}. to call upon Us wth. recruits and if wee mu[st] withdraw wth. the Companys ded stock wee shall need a ship or two wth. One hundred Lascars to do Cooley work on shore. We presume that nothing less than a Husbullhookum or Gusbadar will oblige Fuckerlee Cawn to withdraw his forces.

M^{r}. Hastings beggs again that You'll order payment of what is due to him for loss of the Ganjam Galley Voyage and wth. our hearty wishes for the Hon^{ble}. Govern[rs] perfect health we most respectively subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}. &c^{a}.
Your most Obedient Humble Serv^{t}.

F. Hastings.
Ro^{t}. Cranwell.
R. Horden.

P.S.

Wee shall want some Mosula boats to goe over the Surge it being too hazardous to Venture wi[t]h our Barr boats.

F. H.

N°. 48

HON^BLE. S^RS.

This comes ℔ Cap^n. Griffith to acquaint that myself w^th. Ships Company are well after so tedious a time lying here but I trust in God it is for the best it hath proved so hitherto though the Owners are great sufferers which I know it lies in Yo^r Hon^rs. breast to make amends by giving the Ship a good Voyage as you shall think fitt w^ch. I begg & pray Yo^r. favour I have had no Letter from Yo^r. Hon^r. Since my first packquett w^ch. I am sorry should be forgott but I imagine letters are intercept'd the Reason is I did not Embrace this Oppertunity to Sail w^th. one Ship of the Dutch bound for Negapatam. I could not trust to their news for all their packquetts have been various I allways pray'd Yo^r. Hon^rs. in Two packquetts to give me an acco^t. when the French saild from Pullecherry but I am still in the Dark but however I shall lie a little longer to See how the Dutch fare a[s] I shall push directly by the Blessing of God Almighty to kiss Yo^r. Hon^rs. hands which I have long'd for a great while the last news this Commodore of Gaula had there was seen off Trincom[lee] four Ships w^th. a Sloop w^ch. was said to be french three weeks ago I hope this will find Yo^r. Hon^rs. in good health w^th. my most humble Service pleas to except. I remain

Yo^r. Humble & Obedient Serv^t.

SAM^LL. GOODMAN.

S^r. GEORGE
AT GAULA MARCH 19 $17\frac{10}{11}$
REC^D. APRILL 1711.

N°. 49

HON^BLE. S^RS. &C^A.

I presume You have heard of our misfortunes in the Phoenix which was wreckt near manapar on the Coast of Madura on the 18^th. of November last about four [in] the morning after having used my utmost endeavour to get the ship off but all in vain wee sav'd the Hon[^ble.] Companies treasure being 35 Chests in our boats and Carry'd them to Tutocoryn where w^th. much perswasions and great promises the Dutch took it into their Custody and pass'd an Obligation to be answerable for the same wee then got boats and people on board [that] wreck and have sav'd many valuable things w^ch. we brought hither on a Danes Ship hir'd for 800 Pag^ds. and at our Coming away for Tutocoryn I contract'd w^th. four of the Chief Natives to give them a 1/3 part of what they could Save more they bearing all Cost and Charges whereupon I left One of my Mates an Ensign and nine men on board the wreck with provisions arms and boats to attend and since my being here receiv'd letters advising that all the Comp^s. Lead, Iron & Guns would be sav'd the Dutch would not permitt Us to land any goods at Tuttecoryne w^ch. oblig'd Us to land them on a Small Island where wee built our Tents and kept guard. Yet lost many things since I have been here I have distribut'd and w^th. the Advice of the Cheif & Factors half a [chest] of Treasure amongst the Officers & Seamen according to a promise made them in behalf of the honour^ble. Company for their hazard & pains in saving the treasure which otherwise must have been utterly lost the Natives in vast numbers waiting to rob Us on the Shoar and did attempt it in boats but w^th. no success. I know not how far I may be blamed but I am sure it was impossible to have acted w^th. Cost & Charges under such unhappy circumstances I am going to the Generall & Councill at Bombay where I hope to give a Satisfactory account and then intend for Your part if this arrives Yo^r. Hon^r. before the departure of the Europe shipping I intreat You'll signifie in

Yo^r. letter to the Court of Directors what You think materiall on this affair my Second Mate brings this who can Inform You of all ℔ticulars whom I beg may partake of Yo^r. Hon^rs. favours

I am w^th. due Respect your Hon^ble. &

very humble Servant

EDWARD PERSON.

ANJENGO
JAN^Y. 12^TH. $17\frac{10}{11}$.
REC^D. AP^LL. THE 3^D. 1711.

N°. 50

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E. UNITED TRADE OF HON^BLE. COMP^A. OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE E^T. INDIES &C^A. COUNCILL AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON^BLE. S^RS. &C^A.

The foregoing is duplicate of our last what wee have to add is that y^e. Fleet Friggot sail'd hence the 5^th. of December w^th. a Cargoe to the amount of rupees 349832: 36 p^ce. from Bombay for England the 22^d. following but w^th. what amount from the[m] wee are not advis'd.

The new George saild from Bombay the 9^th. Janu^Y. with a Cargoe to the amount of 495000 and S^r. John Gayer and family upon her. The Tankervill at Bombay is likewise upon her departure for England she saild hence the 23^d. last month with a Stock to the amount of Rupees 422869: 36 p^ce. We pray God to grant them safe to our honour^ble. Masters The Dutchess and Katherine arrivd w^th. Us from England the first the 22^d. December the other the 29^th. Ditto the Phoenix unfortunatly stranded ten Leagues to the Southward of Tutecoryn but Thanks be to God all our masters concerns in her sav'd as wee have been Inform'd w^ch. The Dutchess is Saild down for.

The Katherine is intended for Persia on freight of w^ch. wee hope to get a good One for her and the Dutchess for want of an Employ for her on this side will lye up the rains at Bombay. The Gover^rs. absence for about this 5 months from this place has hindred our procuring satisfaction for what has been extorted from us but now being return'd wee shall w^th. all imaginable speed proceed therein and hope to bring the same to a good Issue as also in w^t. necessary for a good establishment of our makers trade as well In Yo^rs. as our Side.

The Army Intimated in the foregoing rais'd ℔ the Gentues to come against the Mogull we hear is dispers'd and come to nothing w^eh. are the present tenders from

Hon^ble. &c^a.
Yo^r. most humble Servants

WILLIAM PROBY.
EPHRAIM BENDALL.
B. WYCHE.
THO^S. WILSHERE.

SURRATT
THE 12 MARCH $17\frac{10}{11}$
REC^D. THE 5^TH. AP^L. 1711.

N°. 51

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE.
&C^A. GENTLEMEN OF COUNCILL.

My chief mate at Yo^r. Port has entertain'd me a great many Europeans w^ch. I beg Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will please to send here as soon as possible that in Case of Action they may be of Service [...] in two Days and come from thence in a night a Conveyance by water will be better but I fear none will offer and if they remain at Your

port they are liable to tempations unless your Hon^rs. &c^a., will please to give necessary orders for their Security w^ch. I humbly request there is [twelve] in all w^th. my mate Bryant that left me and the sail maker Michael Kent whom I very much mist [...] is all that offers at present from

Hon^d. S^r. & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Serv^t.
HEN: CORNWELL.

FORT S^T. DAVIDS
APRILL 12^TH. 1711.
REC^D. THE 16 AP^L.

N°. 52

TO THE HON^BLE: WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R: OF FORTS S^T.
GEORGE & S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

In our last of y^e. 24^th. past month wee then advisd Yo^r. Hon^r. of the great Dammage done the moores in the Waldore Country by the party sent out under the Comm^d. of Cap^tn. Roach at the same wee wrote that after the men were recruited we should send them out aga[in] to do the Enemy all the dammage they possibly could but within some few days after the Dep^y. Govern^r. receiv'd [a Civill] Letter from the Duan accompanying an Order to Suroop Sing to clear our people upon which twas thought adviseable not to send out any forces till we saw what effect the Duans letter would have upon Suroop Sing tis most certain the Duan and the Buxee both sent for Anentrow Suroop Sings Vacqueell and were very angry w^th. him and threatn'd to turn him out of the Camp because his Master did not Release the English at Chingee this is Confirm'd by Sunca Ramah and our Spie braminys Letter to the Dep^ty. Governour.

Sunca Ramah lately Sent letters to his Gumasta here to procure a Persia mule in this place for the Duan on w^ch. Occasion wee thought it a good Oppertunity to purchase it for the Hon^ble. Company and to send it in their name as a present to the Duan beleiving he will take it kinder this way then if wee had sent him a present of a far greater value at another time.

The Duans letter or Order to Suroop Sing for clearing our people was sent by our Maldars to Chingee and after some Days Suroop Sing deliverd his answer to y^e. Duan to our Maldars without releasment of the Captives w^ch. said answer of Suroop Sings and a Letter to the Duan from the Dep^y. Govern^r. was sent to the Camp by the Maldars that went w^th. the Mule.

Wee have drawn [a bill on] Your Hon^rs. &c^a. of this days date for Pagodas 385: 28 Payable to M^r. Charles Boon[e] which Request Your Hon^r. &c^a. will please to discharge. Wee must still repeat our great want of money to pay our Merchants as well as to defray y^e. great expenc^es. at present wee are at hoping Yo^r. Hon^r. will please [to] consider of it and send us a supply before the mo[nth] is out. we are

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most Obedient humble Ser^vts.

FORT S^T. DAVID
APRILL Y^E. 13^TH. 1711,
REC^D. Y^E. 15: D^O.

RICH^D. FARMER.
JN^O. BERLUE.
RICH^D. HARRISON.
PHI^P. BAKER.
HEN^Y. COTTRELL.

N°. 53

To the Hon^ble. Govern^r.
and Council of Fort S^t. Georgi

Hon^ble. S^r. & Gentlemen

Oliver Colt Humbly Sheweth

That whereas Captain Hudson made some frivelous exceptions against his petition dedicated &c^a. last Consultation day by which he Injustly endeavourd to expose Your petitioner guilty of the highest Misdimeanor in Asserting before Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. what dissented from truth Yo^r. petition[er] therefore humbly begs leave to vindicate himself and said petition against all aspersion.

First as to y^e. abuses affronts challenge &c^a. for w^ch. Your humble petitioner desires to be redressd Captain Hudson has acknowledg'd them to severall Gentlemen and in Order to patch up an accommodation has by repeated Messages ownd that having us'd him very Scurvily he's heartily sorry for his fault and his resentment is Just naturall, & Commendable the said abuses &c^a. being the Just ground of Yo^r. petitioners complaint w^t. allegations he has offer'd against it as opposing truth must certainly by his forced Acknowledgement of Necessity fall.

Secondly as to his confining him and ordering him on board a Ship (on which he seem to fix the Hinge of his Objection) and which he positively denied before Your Hon^r. &c^a. the last that is to say his Order was deliverd to your petitioner by his second mate M^r. Wynn and Hunt his Steward publickly in the Factory to the great shame of your petitioner on receiving which he immediatly applied himself to M^r. Davenport and M^r. Beavoir not being then in the Factory for Securement from being further maltreated who generously assur'd him he should suffer no scandalous Usage such as being put in Irons or strictly imprisoned.

3^dly. Your Petitioners not being confined to any particular place does not [totally exclude] the reach of the wor[l]d there being degrees of confinement for being by the Captains own verball Edict Immediatly deliverd f[rom] himself in the most despotick positive arbritary [manner] banisht his sight & presence and by the aforesaid Or[der] excluded the Factory by virtue of both these being Indicted the priviledge w^ch. every Officer & Seamen had of disposing and buying himself what by custimary allowance he had on board of Ship being debarrd the [. . .] of Mess^rs. Deavenport & Beavoirs table to w^ch. formerly he had ever been welcomed being degrated by his m[anner of . . .] Officiating in his room at the Factory he sub[sum . . .] if all this cant amount to a Confinement it may [just]ly be reckned a great hardship and amongst the number of his greivances and consequently of equivalent or greater extent then what Yo^r. Petitioner called Confinement.

4^thly. As to the nature of the Indecent behaviour he Charges Yo^r. Petitioner w^th. on this occas[ion] he leaves it to Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. Judgment that how far [it] could Offend when Cap^n. Hudson summoning a[. . .]rencour of his mallice could bring the black [. . .] to no higher pitch nor did he charge him [. . lyer] crime then giving him a perem[ptory . . .] and swearing that he had and still a[. . . ness] and on this alone he grounded [. . .] ill Usage without [. . .] further prove [. . .] Sin and against good manners but wonder Capta^n. Hudson should be so much surpriz'd w^th. what is so common to himself and all his people.

5^thly. As to any Indecency previous to this Juncture Cap̃ Hudson did then and has since declar'd Yo^r. petitioner had never been guilty of any he is therefore silent in relation to y^e. foregoing part of the Voiage having (as he told Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a.) liv'd in his Station easy to his satisfaction and w^th.out mollestation w^ch. every person as well as Yo^r. petitioner must grant to be good treatment from Cap^n. Hudson whose temper and dispotition the present Instance gives a Sufficient proof of besides the many preceedents too tedious to Relate.

6^thly. Cap^n. Hudson having so inconsiderable a Trifle as his diet before Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. as an extraordinary and distinguishing favour Yo^r. petitioner is under a necessity of Informing Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. that great part of the Refreshments on board was brought by him at his own cost and w^th. abundance of Fatigue at S^t Jago.

[7]THLY. As to my Accommodation w^th^. Cap^n^. Hudson the Gentlemen &c^a^. had there been any reasonable room [. . .] it no doubt would have recommended it but they [. . .] the nature of so Insupportable [. . .] Candid as never to Enjoyn your Petitioner a Reconciliation Captain Hudsons acknowledging his fault can be of no more use to Yo^r^. petitioner than a mans being sorry for committing murder can either be a punishment to the Offender or Satisfaction to y^e^. Offended.

8TH. Your petitioner begs leave to assure Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. that y^e^. speciall reguard to y^e^. Gentlemens Interest w^th^. the hopes of being here discharg'd w^ch^. is all the redress he craves for such ill Usage were there only motives w^ch^. divert'd him following his Inclinations then wholly prone and bent to resent the affront to the utmost.

9THLY. He begs Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. will take it into Yo^r^. serious considera^n^. the nature of his employ with the wideness of the irr[epair] able breach between Captain Hudson & himself and it will evidently appear inconsistent w^th^. Law, reason and common practice that he should administrate medecines to Captain Hudson his family or the people under his Command.

10THLY. Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. being the only Judges what may c[. . .] to the Ships advantage Yo^r^. Petitioner hopes no[thing] [will] dare to or presume to attempt giving dir[. . .] prescriptions to this Hon^ble^. board there [. . .] precedents of Surgeons being discharg'd [. . .] common necessity here for so pal[pable].

12TH. Captain Hudsons insulting again [. . .] petitioners being or [. . .] design than to a [. . .] may be coulor'd here Yo^r^. Petitioner is sensible that his being under Captain Hudsons command will be his unavoidable ruin.

13TH. Neither can Yo^r^. petitioner perceive why the ship cant proceed in her Voiage home without a Surgeon as well as She did from Fort S^t^. David where Yo^r^. Petitioner was left at so criticall a season when not only the passage was doubted but y^e^. Enemy likewise was then upon the Coast.

14TH. What here Yo^r^. Petitioner humbly offers he hopes will sufficiently evince the Truth of his petition as well as Impugn w^t^. Objections Captain Hu[d]sons may have further to offer and having plainly demonstrat'd his non capacity of officiating insists upon being dischargd for w^ch^. as in duty bound he

Shall ever pray &c^a^.

N°. 54

TO THE HON^BLE^. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^. &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

My last accquainted Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. that I had applied myself to Habid Cawne for his dustick by land to Vizagapatam w^ch^. buisness I got mediated by Rangorauz who also wrote to his Son in Law Andarose about me yet Habid Cawne refus'd to open [the] way but upon such terms as I had no power [. . .].

The 17^th^. Ultimo I embarkt [. . .] [ve]ssell at Nassapoor w^th^. no little difficulty being first [. . .] to get an Order [. . .] Meerza Beagues chief Officer and after confirmd [by] the Gentue Govern^r^. directd to the owner of the Vess[ell] for Vizagapatam and Ganjam when we came to [get] over the barr a Vessel going before us was in dang[er] of being lost w^ch^. Intimidated our new pilot so much that he would not venture us the usuall ways observ[ing] the Sand to be shifted and in going over the other [. . .] the winds took us short severall times and after [. . ling] at an Anchor nigh the bars month 20 Days [. . .] together our Vessell and another in Company were [. . .] to Nassapore the unwillingness of the Lascars to go on board [weigh] anchor in time when the winds [. . .] fearing Fuckerleee Cawn would out of [. . .] not a little contribute to the Loss of [. . .] they were the same in Metchlepatam

[. . .] take me on board thus w^th^. going back [. . .] in Order to proceed in this Expedition [. . .] Elaps'd w^th^. no little trouble concern [. . .] Voyage not accomplishd.

Since the foregoing having advice [. . .] to Callcutta going to Bengall oblid[ged] hither upon which I have agreed for [. . .] Vizagapatam if the Govern^r^. gives lea[ve] [. . .] going without especially by land [. . .] of flying in the Air as to [goe . . .] permission from the [. . .] observd here that [ea . . .] boy knows his duty at such a time I mean One that has represented the Companys Affairs to the Government and so it has been ever since I knew Metchlepatam having occasion to trie it severall times when to Maddapollam &c.

Travellers say that the way to Vizagapatam continues Infested w^th^. Robbers and troubles from Fuckerlee Cawns orders so that the Dutch letters can hardly pass and the place in great distress for want of provisions &c^a^. the Souldiers begin to desert two of which are portugueze come hither and the Enemy is now master of the rivers mouth playing those great Guns from the side of that mountain continually at the Factory so that the standard was struck downe, the Merchants [wifes] going out were taken prisoners and if true what they report (which I hope not) the place is in a most miserable Condition reduced to the last extremetity (*sic*) and Consequently in eminent Danger (without speedy releif) to be lost wee shall carry some provisions for them tis reported here as well as at Maddapollam that Habid Cawne is turn'd out and that the Suba has given all these Countreys as far as Chicacoll to Meerza Beague whose forces about Rogemdrm meeting w^th^. [Habid] Cawn's people and being denied possession [. . .] ℔ force and killed a great many of Habid Cawns people [. . .] much question having observ'd hardly on Repor[t] fifty so it may make well for Vizagapatam Meerza Beague is said to be so much Fuckerle['s] Enemy that He must immediately run away Habid Cawne encourages the War and has now [come] hither to buy materialls to carry it on w^th^. all [speed] Immagenable.

METCHLEPATAM
APRILL 13 1711.
REC^D^. THE 25 D^o^.

Hon^ble^. Sr. &c^a^.
Your most obedient Ser[...]
T.F.

P.S.
AP^L^. 13 AT NIGHT.

Notwithstanding I came here upon promise of a passage in s^d^. Bengall Sloop and the Agreement [. . .] yesterday as also to take on board provisions Yet the M[. . posi]tively refuses to be anyways concern'd says that he [. . .] consider'd of it that English have commenc'd a War [. . .] who are Govern^rs^. of this Countrey therefore he ought not [. . .] to Us &c^a^. not knowing what [effect] it may have in [. . .] Here I must wait till an Oppertunity offers and dese [. . .] will remember me by ordering some Maddrass Ve[ssels] an take me in for these Countrey people will nev[er] [. . .].

T.F.

N^o^. 55

TO THE HON^BLE^. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE^.
PRESIDENT FOR R^T^. HON^BLE^. COMP^AY^. GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^.

The 25^th^. March rec^d^. a Generall Letter from Vizagapat^m^. being much necessitated for Grain I endeavourd to send severall times by the boats that came loaded from those parts all absolutely denying to carry anything to that port Fuckerlee Cawne giving full charge to all ports if any boats carried any provisio^ns^. to that port he would certainly ruin them.

The 4th. Currant came letters from those parts advising the news curr^{t}. y^{e}. last Def[. . .] M^{r}. Hastings gave Fuckerlee Cawn put him [in][. . .] dispairing Condition his forces retı[eat]ing and [. . .] running away never returnd. Fuckerlee [C]awne [. . .] away sent to all the Rajahs to supply him wth. [the] men they have [. . .] him 3 or 4000 men being re[. . .] to his Old former post near Vizagapa^{m}. having writ le[tters] to all ports Ganjam Sunnaporum, Barraway, ℔ [. . .] Corlingapatam, QuonNaro, Bimlepatam, Punde[. . .] Bar-Ware Wattara Penticoat to send all their Musolas [Cattamarams] and Fishermen to him M^{r}. Hastings [being][. . .] [. . .] women [. . .] to discharge The Deputy Gov[ern^{r}.][. . .] of the Merchants about making another [. . .] but they will hear nothing of it till they are [. . .] Goods of the last Investment making great comp[laints] of the discouragements they lie under as that after had brought in Goods for the Company they cannot be paid for the same but cheifly by bills w^{ch}. is troublesome chargeable & hazardous for them to re[. . .] whereas they say the Merchants of Fort S^{t}. Geor[ge] a Cargoe of Broad Cloth or money before hand and [. . .] cannot bring in their goods timely according to [. . .].

As soon as our troubles are accomodated we shal [. . .] the Sherburn to Yo . Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. wth. what bales we have here [. . .] which being the Needfull at present crave leave. Subscribe

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
APRILL Y^{E} 24TH.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r} &c^{a}.
Your most Obedient Serv^{ts}.

REC^{D}. Y^{E} 26.

R^{D}. FARMER.
JN^{O}. BERLUE.
R^{D}. HARRISON.
P^{E}. BAKER.
HEN: COTTRELL.

P.S.

Inclosed comes list of medicines wanting in this place.

N^{o}. [57]

To [THE HON^{BLE}.] WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{RE}.
GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE & PRES^{T}. [FOR]
AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF ENGLAND TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES ON
THE COAST OF CHOROMONDELL &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON ^{LE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Since our last to You ℔ the Des Buverie Wee have rec^{d}. Yo^{r}. Letter of the 3^{d}. October past ℔ the president and the first of this month came to hand Yours of the Second February wth. Coppy of what You wrote Us ℔ Cossid^{s}. dated the 23^{d}. Decem^{r}. the Originall of which never came to hand nor that You mention dated the [1]9th. Novemb^{r}. however we shall answer in order Your Letters that are before Us and then shall comunicate what news we have receivd from Europe.

Wee are well pleas'd to hear the good news of the Ships S^{t}. George being in safty w^{ch}. wee did not hear one Word of before our Ship were all dispatch't for Europe.

The next Europe Ship that goes for Yo^{r}. Port wee will send You a Quan[tity] of Lead but for Iron wee have [not more] [. . .] Ordinary store [. . .] from England design'd for Benjarr and what was [purchased] here could not be better for want of good Cask and pr[oper] people to Cure it.

We observe what You write of [the] present for the King being detaind at Metchlepatam which will be of very ill consequence but Zoode [Cawn] advices Us that he has wrote by Cosids to Esuph Ca[wne] and y^{e}. Gusbadar at Metchlepatam advising that the Kings Husbull Hookum was gone to order them to deliver the

present to Yo[r]. Orders that it may be brought to Bengall to be forrow'ded to the King wh[ich] we hope will have good effect as to Clearing the present but we fear it will receive some damage by the long [de]tention of it and we shall be forced to alter the Con[tents].

Wee are glad to hear the Des bouverie & Sherbounne [are] safe arriv'd after the Eminent hazard they have run [. . .] meeting the French in falling in w[th]. the Coast & Us [. . .] Inform'd beleive (too true) that there will be Six Fr[ench] Ships out again next Year. We are of Opinion that [you] send down no more of the Companys Ships than Yo[u] design we shall dispatch directly for England and bring Yo[r]. Kentledge, for provisions are and will be extravagantly dear that they will not be worth send[ing] You and for fine bale goods to Intermix the Car[goe] as of past Years it will not be adviseable to run so [great] a Risque of the Hon[ble]. Companys Estate as we are [Appre]hensive there is in making Your Coast when the [ene]my is abroad we desire Your opinion of this matter not doubting but You'll consider the Interest of our Honour[ble]. Masters as we do.

This comes by the Hon[ble]. Companys Ship the President w[ch]. Ship was very much out of repair and we fitted her extraordinary well though it cost a great deal of money the account of her expences comes enclos'd w[t]. Invoyce and bill of loading for what shipt aboard for the Honour[ble]. Companies acc[t]. amounting to Rupees 1702 : 2 : 9 the Goods You sent on the Europe for Vizagapatam are also on board the President and it being too late in the Year for her to fetch that place they will return to You again. Wee could not possibly refitt and dispatch her soon enough for wee suppose she must goe to the Southward of You before she can make the Coast.

Wee are inform'd You have at Fort S[t]. George & the West Coast a Considerable number of Iron Guns more than You have Occasion for wee want for the Honou[ble]. Companys Service here 28 Demy Culverin & twelve whole Culverin w[ch]. desire may be sent Us if can be spared.

On this Ship the President are five persons sent by Zoode Cawne w[th]. a Seerpaw to the Hon[ble]. W[m]. Fraser Esq[re]. and severall presents for other great persons in Your parts they are contain'd In 8 parcells w[ch]. we have shipt on board Freight free as ℔ the Masters Receipt w[ch]. comes Inclos'd they are all to be deliverd to Aga Mukeen to whom here is a Letter here with also a Persian list of the severall parcells wee also send herewith a Persian Letter of Zooodee Cawns Letter to Us in favour of One Serrepa Nour which please to peruse and show him Yo[r]. Countenance if he be any ways aggreiv'd as we are Inform'd he is.

The Dispatches went downe to the Ships Europe & Susan[a] the 16[th]. Febru[y]. wee loaded a Cargoe on the former amounting to Rupees 337032.4.9 and on the latter Rup. 633274.4.6 which wee hope will please our Hon[ble]. Employers and [...] their passage home in time.

Herewith wee send You Packquett from our Hon[ble]. Masters Rec[d]. ℔ the Success advice Boat Captain Clapham Commander who left England the 27 August and arrivd the 4[th]. Instant the Cove[r] of Your packquett was rubb'd off as the Captain tells Us by Coming downe to the Downs on Horseback wee perus'd the Letters and took a Coppy of them wee now send the Originall and will send the Coppy overland for fear a Miscarriage and as Your letters give You a full account [of] the Alterations the Hono[ble]. Company have been pleasd [to] make here wee think it needless to repeat them again wee have but little Europe news but in generall that the Duke of Marlbourough continues his Success again[st] the French and that wee have taken Doway & Bithune and beaten the Enemy in Spain but no signes of a Pe[ace] but we hope to hear by our next Ships that a Success[full] Campaigne may produce some good effects and In[duce] our Enemies to an Honourable peace all the private that were aboard of the Success come herewith. M[r]. Robert Hedges is going to Cassun buzar to Reside there as Chief and we hope he will procure the New Duans Sunnhud for our free trade in Bengall and a free Use of the mint in that place and we are of the opinion it will be more for the Hon[ble]. Comp[s]. Interst to Coin our Silver there than at Your place for our mint Charges are much the same and will produce as many Siccaes as Yours and there being 4½ ℔ Cent difference in their Batta makes such a Considerable Advantage that we cant avoid advising of it hoping You'll

Consider our Hono^ble. Masters Interest for had we not the Use of the Mint there but were Oblidg'd to Sell the Silver for Ready money twill produce 2 ℔ Cent more than if Coin'd in Your mint. Wee wish You good Success In all Your Undertakings and are

Hon^ble S^rs. &c^a
Your most humble Servants
JN°. RUSSELL.
ROB^T. HEDGES.
AB^M. ADAMS.
JOS^H. CHITTE.
JN°. CALVERT.
SAM^L. BLUNT.
WILL^M. LOYD.
W^M. CAUTHROPE.

FORT WILLIAM
MARCH 6, $17\frac{10}{11}$.
REC^D THE 27 AP^L. 1711.

N°. 58

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R. OF FORTS S^T. GEORGE & S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^RS. &C^A.

Tis not without great Reluctancy that I am necessitated to complain to Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. for the Insolent unbecoming ca[riage] of some of the Gentlemen of Councill at Cudalore who [set] up for a party by contradicting and refusing to Obey the Orders I send there especially relating to the military as was lately experimented when twas agreed that Cap^n. Roac[h] and Cap^n. Courtney should march into the Waldore Co[un]try w^th. their partys of Souldiers there was not suffic[ient] in the Fort (besides leaving men at the Out guards) [to] make up Cap^n. Courtneys party 100 men upon which at Ca[p^n.] Courtneys Request the Depu^y. Govern^r. gave him an Order to take about twelve men or such a Number from the whole Town of Cudalore on Cap^n. Courtneys delivery of said Order to Cap^n. Vivar, M^r Cotrell came there at the same time & understanding what Cap^n. Courtney came abou[t] he made Answer that the Deputy Govern^r. might order what he pleases but by G—there shall not one of my men be taken from my point and Sayes he I have [heard] M^r. Harrison and M^r. Baker say or Swear the same about their points with abundance of such like Expressions in Publick before the face of the Guard Captain Courtney therefore to prevent any feuds took all the twelve men from the main guard at the Factory except two or three men from M^r. Bakers point which in reality belong'd to Cap^n. Roaches Company and went to the West Coast w^th. M^r. Harrison there was also a Serjeant changed from M^r. Harisons Point to Bandapollam Out guard the Officer there not fitt to be trust'd with that Post upon this M^r. Baker came to the Deputy Govern^r. very angry and told him that if any men were orderd from his point he would lay down the Companys Service Alleadging that he and every one of the Councill had a Share in Ordering the Military as well as my Self adding with all that M^r. Harrison was very much displeas'd that I had chang'd a good Searjant from his point to take Charge of Bandipollam Outguard on this Occasion he Usd abundance of blustering expressions in behalf of himself & his Brethren at Caddalore but the Deputy Govern^r. considering that we had Enemies abroad and Surrounded w^th. troubles was not willing to have any at home but chose rather to pacifie M^r. Baker with good words promising him that so soon as our men return'd all things should be set to [right] again and that M^r. Harrison and he should leave the men allott'd to their points as Cuddalore is at such a distance from the Fort there is no matter of consequence can be transacted Relating to the Military but what is publickly known by waiting many hours for the Councills concurrence there sometimes they have [some] little Jarrings at Cuddalore as lately M^r. Baker & Mr. Cottrel had about some boat men one swearing he would whip them and the other opposing it on which M^r. Baker sent the Boat men to the Deputy Govern^r. for protection the first time after which that M^r. Cottrell came to the Fort he then Complain'd to the Deputy Govern^r. that M^r. Baker should tell him that M^r. Harrison was his Govern^r. at Cuddalore and in his Absence so was he too and if he would not be quiet he would

Order a guard for him & Confine him, The Depy. Governr. could Relate many such passages of Mr. Baker but fearing it might looke like prejudice he persist from any farther Repetitions at present about him.

On our making an Order in Councill for lading the Comp[any's] bales on the Necessity Briggantine and Ship Industry the Dep[ty]. Governr & Councill sign'd the two first letters of their name. In the Consultation book except Mr. Cottrell who when the Depy. Governr. desir'd him to signe it made Answer at two Severall times to both Orders that he would not without giving any Reason and for his Refusing to signe it the Deputy. Governr. then told him he ought & was oblidg'd to signe it tho' he made what exceptions he pleasd thereto but all the Answer could be got from him I wont I wont. He has had the Vanity formerly to say as he was made of Councill here from England twas not in power of Fort St. George to turn him out in short he is not fit for any buisness minding little less than [setting] and when He gets in his Airs, which is not very seldom he gives his tongue a great deal of Liberty and committs aboundance of foolish Actions telling people am not I a Counciller and a Justice therefore may do what I please and if those posts were a protection for him to be Insolent and unmannerly this I am sure of that his Actions are such that tis a scandall to all that sitt in Councill with him tho it does not so evidently appear against him yet most assur'dly the hand of Joab is at the bottom of all this making others only the Cats paw, Yor. Honr. &ca. may make what Orders You please, but with Submission to Yr. Honr. &ca. better Judgment I think these disorders cannot be remidied without the Removall of Mr. Baker to Fort St. George or the West Coast where Mr.. Jeremiah Harrison assured me that Such a One as he who Understands Book keeping was very much wanted for in such a place as that there ought to be two or three good Book-keepers in Case of Mortality for it has been observ'd that when the Books Cease to be duly kept up then the Compas. Affairs at said place run to Ruin and every One devides the Spoil as fast as they can. As for Mr. Cottrell if he was Removd to Fort St. George twould certainly be for his good for his being made of Councill before he was of standing or Quallified for such a post has been a great means of promoting his Ruin or if Yor. Honr. &ca. should not think fit to Remove him I beleive a Severe Reprimaund from Yor. Honr. &ca. to remove or dismiss him the Companys. Service upon the first Complaint against him might be the means of making him more cautious for the future. Herewith comes Copys of some paragra[ph] of a Generll. Letter intended to be sent Yor. Honr. in Decemr. last but those differences being made up was the occasion that it was not sent then but since the Gentle men have not perform'd their promise of a Future better Carriage the Depy. Governr. esteems the Obligation of not Remitting the same to Fort St. George to be void and their late proceedings to be a further aggravation of their Crimes all wch. is humbly referrd to Yor. Honr. &cas. Consideration to Act & Order on this Occasion as Yor. Honrs. &ca. shall Judge most Convenient Messrs. Berlue & Weld knowing or hearing of most of the aforesaid transactions have agreed to signe this paper.

Fort Sr. David
Aprll. 26 : 1711.

Honble. Srs. &ca.
Your Honr. &ca. most Obedient
And most Humble Servants

Richd. Farmer.
Jno. Berlue.
Maw. Weld.

No. 59

Coppy of what design'd to be sent to the Honble President & Councill of Fort St. George.

In December last but by the Mediation of the Reverend Mr Jones the Differences were accommadated On Messrs. Baker & Cottrells asking the Depy. Governr. pardon and their Promise of behaving themselves better for the future.

Pursuant to Yor. Honrs. &ca. Directions in Yor. Generall Letter of the 4th. Instant to advise if the Report be true wch. Yor. Honr. &ca. hears that some of the lowest form Employs the black Merchants to Sort the Companys Cloth for them tis very

true that Mr. Cottrell the last Sorting but one had One of the Merchants to open & sort the Cloth and when told thereof in Consultation he did not deny it this gives the Depuy. Governr. occasion to Accquaint Yor. Honr. &cn. of few Instances of Mr. Bakers Carriage to him amongst a great many more which he passes by ; when Loll Cawne and Vencat Row went to take possession of the Chellumbrum Country with about a hundred horse & two hundred foot belonging to the Duan they wrote a very civill letter from Trividee to Desire the Depy. Governrs. leave to pass by the Edge of our bounds and to send them a speedy Answer upon which the Depy. Govr. acquaint'd Messrs. Berlue & Weld there with as they were near at hand and were the Majority when twas agreed to grant them Liberty because they belong'd to the Duan and that the Out guards should be strengthned wth. ten men more at Bandipollam which way twas thought they would have pass'd but before said Letter could reach them they took another way by Persemungulum of this wee advis'd Yor. Honr. &ca. in our Generall Letter of the 27th. September last in Answer to which Yor. Honr. &ca. aprov'd of Strengthining the Outguards by saying they were not to be trusted but Mr. Baker wa. he met Capn. Vivar told him that he did not do well to Obey the Deputy Governrs. Orders for Sending ten men to the Out guards and he would ruine himself the next time he should observe any Orders from the Depty. Governr. without the Consent of the Gentlemen at Cuddalore, Capn. Vivar never spoke of this till such time as the Depy. Governr. and Mr. Baker were together with Mr. Weld and severall others when Capn. Vivar told Mr. Baker he did not doe generously to speak against the Deputy Governr. behind his back as he had done repeating the same words as above wch. Mr. Baker could not deny.

When the Receipts for payment of last Sallary was drawn out *it* seems Mr. Weld before he was aware of it sign'd in Mr. Baker's place the sums being both alike upon which Mr. Baker came to ye. Depy. Governr. and demanded his Sallary wth. as readily tender'd him provided he would give a Receipt for the same but he said he would not signe after Mr. Weld and Insisted very much on having all the Receipts torn out and writ over again when most of them were signed, the Deputy Governr. told him he could not well do that since his Carriage had not been so civill towards him to deser[ve] it then he demanded Justice for Mr. Weld signing before him saying it was taking his Reputation from him and lessining his Creditt when it should bee seen hereafter that Mr. Weld had sign'd before him upon which the Depy. Governr. sent for Mr. Weld who protested to him that he did make that Mistake by accident and not design'dly as Mr. Baker thought after this Mr. Weld went down stairs leaving Mr. Baker wth. the Depy. Governr. who gave him abundance of unbecoming Language for above two hours swearing by God he would do so and so the Deputy Governr. told him he should not swear so in his Apartments when he replied he would swear by God and God again and who should hinder him, The Depy. Governr. does not perfectly remember whether twas on this Occasion or not but he has heard him say or heard from others that if the Gentemen of Fort St. George should turn him out they would be glad to take him in againe.

Another time after perusall of a Generall letter from Fort St. George which advis'd that Yor. Honr. &ct. had restor'd the Military there and here to their former pay but there being severall days elaps'd from the time twas agreed for at Fort St. George till our receipt of said Generall Letter tis mentiond therein that the President had timely in his particular letter advis'd the Deputy Governr. thereof to make this place easy upon which Mr. Baker said that twas the Presidents particular letters to the Depy. Governr. that ruind the Companies affairs and that he would advise the Company thereof when the Deputy Governr. told him he wondred he should betake himself to be wiser than all the Gentlemen of Councill at Fort St. George who signd said letter.

Some time after Mr. Baker had sent a Servant under him but belonging to the Company he made his Complaints to the Deputy Governrs. as indeed severall of the Compani[es] Servants that liv'd wth. him has done the same about his beating them without any Coulor of Reason the Depy. Governr. said but little to ye. first servant that comp' la]in'd to speak to Mr. Baker about him in the Interim said Servt. run away when Mr. Baker took the Liberty before Severall in Mr. Scarletts Room to say that

the Dep^{y}. Govern^{r}. had encourag'd him to goe to Fort S^{t}. George and to Complain to the Govern^{r}. there about him tho the Dep^{y}. Govern^{r}. solemnly protests that tis a most notorious falsaty however he was pleasd to say in the aforesaid Company that since twas so he would make all the Mischeif he could wth. abundance of such like stuff the Dep^{y}. Govern^{r}. does assure Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. that he takes no delight in writing on subjects hartily wishing that there had no occasion been given him for it Referring himself wholly to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. Determination for Redress not doubting in the least but Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will soon Judge wether such behaviour and Actions proceed from Faction and Contention or meer Zeal for the Companys Interest.

Fort S^{t}. David
Dec^{r}. 14th. 1710.

N°. 60

To the Hon^{ble}. William Fraser Esq^{re}.
President & Govern^{r}. &c^{a}. Councill.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Frequent & various Reports come daily from Fuckerlee Cawns Camp before Vizagapatam but our people who are said to be at short allowance and hard straitnd for provisions find no oppertunities of making known their wants as we hear off and such a strict watch is kept round that the Countrey people cannot carry them any thing in the night as before Passangers say that the Kings wakenues Compa[nies] and Cojee from Chikakull had put the [K Du . .] upon Fuckerlee Cawne for making Warr upon the English without an Husbullhookum and that thereupon all hostilitys and that they were mediating matters between Us & him.

As for Me I am still waiting for an Oppertunity to proceed to Vizapapatam w^{ch}. I [am] promisd 8 or 9 days hence by which conveyance M^{r}. Nod[en] will send 15 Candy of Rice &c^{a}. provisions other Vessell[s] that he had agreed wth. having refusd to touch to Vizaga^{m}. here is 15 or 20 Portuguese sailers if there was Encouragement for them have preferrd to go wth. Me and serve as Souldiers.

Meerza Beague having lately been at Pollicull and Rec^{d}. the Usuall present he desird four great Gunns w^{ch}. lay in the Factory which being denied he took it as an affront and in such disdain that what kindness they had shew'd imediately vanish'd upon demand made either to rent a Sum of money or depart out of the place their chief Merchants and Inhabitants were imediatly seiz'd and carried away Captive to our new Factory at Maddapollam where Meerza himself has taken up his Quarters so that Compound is now full of Prisoners men & women many of the latter of Heroine Courages particularly those of the Eashwar Cast have stab'd & destroy'd themselves this Cruelty with Ingratitude to y^{e}. Dutch who gave here 3000 Rup^{s}. present near three times near than Custimary to a Nabob besides banquettings & other Entertainments w^{ch}. charges I am inform'd the never could or did pretend to answer to their Superio^{s}. makes Meerza appear in different Colours & loose that good Character he had here and did retain since till this time and Pollicull to be the Seat of Contest between the two Generalls which of them should gain the Creditt of extorting the most money from it for Habid Cawne had no sooner withdrawn his people then Meerza's entred who in all probability was constraind out of Necessity to raise a sum of money out of this Rich place notwithstanding Aurenszeb had confirm'd their Phirmaund to pay his soldiers arrears or quiet them wth. plun'd least they had as once before made him a prisoner he is now going to beseidge Rangrose having by report Orders to Cut his head off for making war wth. Mahumud Jeffore hindring those two great ships design'd for Mocha from being finish'd yet Rangrose who made his escape from Ellore Fort is so strong in his Mudd fort at Muglitore that he does not seem to value him thô he has lately receiv'd a reinforcement from Golconda besides Auilliaries w^{ch}. togather make a pretty numerous Army.

Habid Cawne is able to do nothing for want of people whilst I was at Maddapollam he sent severall Chubdarrs for Fuckeerla Cawne who excus'd himself on acco^{t}.

of Vizagapatam but now they say there is an express gone for him to come away upon sight of the Order or turn out of the Service and to bring his & the Rogers forces to him, Anadross whose wife & brother is in Muglitore Fort wants mightly to come to his Father in Law's Assistance thus these Affairs at present shew a fair prospect for the raising the Seidge of Vizagapatam & rendring Fuckerlee Cawns designs a labours vain & fruitless.

All the while and before I went to Maddapollam the Companies old Factory th was crouded wth. Meerz^{s}. people the loose timbers window shutters and Doors w^{ch}. there is not a few may when the Souldiers are gone be secur'd in the n factory other wise they will be stoln or Carried away being a good part of tl C[om]pound is fallen downe and the Door locks taken away.

MEICHLEPATAM
ULT^{o}. AP^{L}. 1711.
RECEIV'D THE 8 MAY 1711.

HON^{BLE}. S^{RS}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obedient Servant
T. FAUCET.

N^{o}. 61

HON^{BLE}. S^{RS}. & WORTHY FRIENDS

Yours of the 16th. of January and 24th. of Aprill 1711 we Receiv'd in due time for answer we have had long since news from pullicatt of the payment of the ten pago^{ds}. which was paid here to y^{e}. Unfortunate People of Ship Phœnix for their subsistance.

We return you thanks for sending back our packquet of Letters we sent You last Year directed to Malacca You having [no] Oppertunity of Sending it as also the news touching the [Account] of the French our Enemies God prevent their designs keep our as well as Your Companies Ships out of their devouring Clutches.

Any of your Companies Ships or [Our] that shall come into this Road we shall not fail to send Your letters off that are lodg'd wth. Us for which purpose [the] said letters are put into y^{e}. hands of our Master of Alliance we having no more lodg'd wth. Us having Return'd from time to time from whence they came except a Seal'd Letter receiv'd last Year and sent back to Deputy Govern^{r}. Farmer February the 9th. desiring him to further it to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}.

Out of y^{e}. Enclos'd Extract of a Letter from the Commadore & Councill at Galle the 24th. March wrote to Us you may perceive there our friends have taken Care according to Your desire to send off Your Letter direct'd to Your Shipping as also how unthankfully that peice of Friendship has been Answer'd. Wee are &c^{a}.

NEGAPATAM
DATED MAY Y^{E}. 12TH. 1711 N.S.
REC^{D}. Y^{E}. 6TH. DITTO

P.S.

Extract of a Letter from the Heer Commadore David Van Uchleen and Councill of Gallee March y^{e}. 4th. sent here.

N^{o}. 62

On y^{e}. 2^{d}. Instant appear'd off this Road an English Vessell coming from the Eastward to whom as wee Usually do to Other Vessells of that Nation we sent off by a Fisherman the Seald Letter from their Govern^{r}. of Madrass the Hon^{ble}. William Fraser but they did not think it fit to take so much Pains as to Answer the said Letter but departed the next morning without ever Informing Us what Ship it was of which Wee According to the Order of our Hono^{ble}. Govern^{r}. of Zeloan Hendrick Baker give You Notice of Desiring You to Inform the Hono^{ble}. Govern^{r}. of Madrass of the same how Indiscreet & Inconsiderable these People are.

Copia
CORN. V OUTOIT.

No°. 63

To the Hon^ble. William Fraser Esq^re.
Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Gentlemen

Last Night My Surgeon Alexander Hamilton made his Escape in a boat from Cuddalore producing a Letter from Cap^n. Hamilton to M^r. Baker wherein was Incerted he had leave from the Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George to proceed forthwith to that Place and that Govern^r. Fraser and his Councill had writt to Govern^r. Farmer to that Effect (M^r. Baker being inclind to act contrary to Govern^r. Farmers Order gave him leave and Assisted him with a boa[t] so I presume before this arrives he'l be Incognito according to Cap^n. Hamiltons directions perhaps his Ship may be thought the securest place or so[...] that part I must referr to Your Hon^r. &c^a. Councill and cant omitt saying Yo^r. Hon^rs. Countenance to this Vile fellow has occasiond this proceed I humbly request Your Hon^r. &c^a. Councill will put up an Order at the Sea gate that no Commander shall carry [him] from the place on what pretensions soever and under what penalty Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. Councill shall think fitt Cap^n Hamilton being a Relation is m[ore] to be suspected so beg he may be Order'd in ℔ticul[ar] and the Ships in the Road Search'd Immediat[ly] if Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. aprove the same that there may be no pretensions for any other Nation to carry him off I humbly Request y^e. Notes may be writt In severall Languages all the Gentlemen here may Judge of my treatment to him and what Liberties he had to serve himself.

Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. have already receivd a Protest upon this Mans Acco^t. from all my Ships Company they will certainly prefer the same so I hope Your Hon^r. &c^a. will seriously consider this and of what Consequence it may be I hear there is Severall Surgeons at Madrass I had much rather have any than him but without one my people will be very much disatisfied and not without Reason this comes in some hast so I hope Yo^r. Hon^r. will pardon

Fort S^t. David
May the 4^th. Rec^d. the 6d°.

Yo^r. Hon^rs. &c^a. most Oblidg'd
and most Obedient humble Serv^t.

Hen: Cornwell.

No°. 64

To the Hon^ble. William Fraser Esq^re.
Govern^r. & the Gentlemen of the Council.

Gentlemen

Your esteem'd letter of the 24^th. last Month with the Enclos'd of Our Superiors (which as You though) is very Old of which wee had already two Copies wee have receiv'd for which we return You our due thanks.

Your letter for Supra Cargoes Captains and Merchants we also Receivd and our Governour took care of the same and according to Y[our] desire we shall comply w^th. As for the Chest of [. . .] You designd to have sent to Fort S^t. David by our [. . .] wee will have no freight for it for the Ship shall [. .] there and tis but a small service for which at ano[ther] time You may do as much for

our Company. With this according to Your order comes Inclosed the Letters for Directions to Your Ships that came here and have been in the hands of our Govern^{r}. till now Wee recomend to The Almightys Protection and Are &c.

FORT DANISBERG
MAY THE 14TH. 1711 N.S.

N^{o}. 65

TO THE HON^{BLE}. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{RE}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORTS S^{T}. GEORGE & S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

On the 28 past month we rec^{d}. Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. of y^{e}. 24th. having so long defer'd giving Answer thereto for that we were in daily Expectation of our Moldars from the Duans Camp at Arcot but they did not arrive till the Day before Yesterday when they brought lette[rs] from the Duan & Sunca Ramah translate of which comes herewith for Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Perusall in said l[et]ters 'tis mentiond that the Duan had sent for Suroop Sings Vackeell desiring likewise that one might be Sent from Us in Order to accomadate all differences but as Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. intend a present to the Duan and as Arcote lies nearer to Fort S^{t}. George than to our place we presume for the aforesaid Reasons that it would be much better done by Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. than from hence if You please to aprove thereof if otherwise Wee shall follow Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Directions therein it being now near the Season for ploughing & Sowing the Ground wee beleive it might be of good effect to send out a party of Souldiers &c^{a}. to prevent the Enemy attempting it in the Waldore Countrey if Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. approves thereof by which means Suroop Sings will loose a Considerable Revenue & Income.

We are glad Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. approves of [our] sending the Mule to the Duan and tho he doth not make any mention thereof in his Letter to the Deputy Gov^{r}. Yet Sunca Ramah gives Assurance that the Duan was very well pleasd therewith.

Wee have Rec^{d}. ten thousand Pago^{ds}. by Ship Golden Lyon the 7th. Instant and after having paid what borrow'd and the Charges of last month and this the Residue we think it most adviceable to keep here than to pay the Merchants any money out of it considering the troubles of the Roads and the great Difficulty tis at this time of the Year to get a Supply from Fort S^{t}. George for which reason as the [. . .] urgent for money due to them we have this [. . .] given them bills on Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for 4000 Pag^{s}. [...] which request Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will please to dis[charge] it being conformable to y^{e}. Liberty Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. [&c^{a}.] granted in Y^{rs}. on y^{e}. 24th. past month the Merchants Acco^{t}. after this payment will come pretty near a Conclusion y^{e}. Adjustment & Stated acco^{t}. of which will be remitted Yo. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. by next Conveyance the Merchants are very desirous of having one quarter part of y^{e}. broad Cloth p^{r} S^{t}. George as [other] give at Your place which favour if Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. would vouchsafe to grant them we beleive it would Encourage them to make a new Investment notwithstanding the present troubles and variances we are at wth. the Chingee Government.

The Packquetts for Negapatam and Trincambar were forwarded on Rec^{t}. thereof Answers thereto [from]both places forwarded some time agoe we are with all Due Respects

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
MAY THE 16TH. 1711.

REC^{D}. THE 18 D^{o}.

HON^{ble}. S^{rs}. &c^{a}.
Your most humble & Obedient Serv^{ts}.

R. FARMER.
JN^{o}. BERLUE.
R. HARRISON.
P. BAKER.
MAW. WELD.
H. COTTRELL.

N°. 66

[To the Hon^ble.] William Fraser Esq^r.
President for Affairs of the United Trade
of the Hon^ble. Comp^a. of Merchants of England trading
to y^e. E^t. Indies and Councill at Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Our last was under the 12^th. last month and by Cap^n. Craddock hoping of his safety desiring it may excuse its Coppy by this and as therein advis'd we should proceed in our Demands so we have as on the 20^th. Ultimo laying before them a fair & Just Acco^t. of Rupees 4615870 : 8 which has ever Since been under their Consideration without any other reply as yet than that it appeard to be a mighty Summ and that they should be very much put to it to find it for Us we did hope as likewise advis'd to bring the Same to a good Issue but how far the removall of the Govern^r. who we found inclineable to Assist in the decision thereof we are not at present able to Judge of but fear it will in some respects or other be a hindrance to it.

This brings You the News we lately and soon after the Harriots departure Receiv'd from Persia which doubt not of its being wellcome to You and of the Arrivall of five of our Hon^ble. Masters Ships Viz the Kent, Stretham, Hern, Heathcoat & Northumberland in Company w^th. twenty of y^e. Dutch East Indie Ships at Texell the 30^th. June last and Govern^r. Pitt that Embarkt on a Dane Ship at the Cape ariv'd y^e. 15 May at Berg[en] in Norway from thence would pass to Copenhagen Hambrough & Amsterdam so to England w^ch. wi[th] our Respects & Service are y^e. present tenders from

Suratt
Ap^l. Y^e. 9^th. 1711.

Rec^d. the 18 May 1711.

Yours Hon^rs. &c^a. most humble
Serv^ts.

Will^m. Proby.
E^n. Bendall.
B. Wyche.
T. Wilshere.

N°. 67

To the Hon^ble. William Fraser Esq^r.
President & Govern^r. for affairs of the R^t. Hon^ble.
United English East India Comp^a. &c^a. Councill in Fort S^t. George.

Hon^ble. S^rs. &c^a.

On the 14^th. Instant we Rec^d. Yours of y^e. 6^th. by the Vizagapatam Sloop and the 20^th. came to hand Yo^r. Packquett w^th. treasure by the Raworth which we brought from Bemlep^m. that Ship unfortunatly over shooting so far and the Cap^n. foolishly permitting Fuckerlee Cawns and [. . .] peons to goe ashoar with said Fuckeree Cawns Letters from Govern^r. Fraser which we presume is not very acceptable or from that time he has not left off two hours firing against Us and is Raising new Batteries upon the Dolphins Nose & Sand hill which we with our small Numbers off People are not able to prevent and its a thousand pitties you did not hold Yo^r. Resolution of sending a Europe Ship or two to our Assistance more especially since You have no business for them in Madrass and before the time of their dispatch tis more than probable they might have returnd in August with a Restoration of Tranquility and trade & Great honour for the Company in these parts for by such a Countenance God willing we should have brought Fuckerlee Cawn to our own terms and made the Rajaes of y^e. Countrey his Enemies which would prove a Disappointment to his Affairs and a Real Establishment of our trade for as we Wrote You in Our last nothing but force of arms can take him off from his high Demands nevertheless You resolve to make use of Habid Cawns mediation and offer only the Ballance Remaining from principall Sum of M^r. Holcombs bond Pag^ds. 6500 Incirca though we have advis'd You it would not near Satisfie Fuckerlee Cawns Demands by our last Generall letter of the 15 Ult^o. and to Confirm to You our Right Judgment in that particular we shall

proceed to Relate the Correspondence we have had w^th^. one [of]Kings Officers a Wallcanavese (which if we rig[htly] understand it) is a Superintendant or private Intelligi[encer] for Nabobs or Seer Lascars management to the Kings Court but by marriage related to Fuckerlee Cawne is Intirely in his Interest and has in the end shown a manifest partiality and tho we made frequent complaints against it consented to Fuckerlee Cawnes ra[...]ing Raising new Batteries with this Answer wee were free to do the same.

The Walcawnavese [a]foresaid arriv'd at Fukerlee Cawns Camp the 5^th^. [Dec^r^.] after the manner of the moores by his first Letter of compliment to the cheif & protestations by his [...] we were to be deluded that nothing but a pious sp[irit] and Love of peace brought him from Chicacull to mediate & make up Differences between Us & Fuck[erlee] Cawn which served to Gull our Souldiers, Peon & Servants here being such a Scarcity of Rice that we could perceive in most of them Sorrowfull fugitive faces which made it for our Advantage to enter into treaty with the Wallcawnavese and so Continuing till the 13^th^. when our Necessities oblidg'd to give the Moll[ah] to make up differences for the [. . .] Rupees Charges or profitt a[nd . .] thousand Rupees more [. . .] Orders to Remove the Army but when he went w^th^. this Commission all was reject'd and nothing but Ready money would serve which made appear to Us the Nature of these great Moormen who mind nothing but their Interest and all their Compliments are only bubbles or Wind. After this disappointment Came Vizagapatam Sloop and the Cheif sent to the Walcawnavese contents of the Hon^ble^. Govern^rs^. Letter to Fuckerlee Cawne and advice that his Servant was coming upon a Ship w^th^. y^e^. Originall to which we could receive no answer but Fuckerlee Cawn has so far influenc'd his kinsman the Wallcawnavese that his forces daily encrease and we are threatned with an Assault of 10000 men most with guns who discharge as well or better than our Topasses so that God only knows our future Sufferings and though we could have no power from You to make up the buisness w^th^. Fuckerlee Cawne hard fate may oblidge Us to take such measures as are requesite for Self preservation which is Natures oldest Law.

Our Merchants and head Servants are most dejected with fear & want & wholesome provisions and for a Month [...] a Hog Sheep or Goat or fowl cant be purchasd [...] or money which with the want of other [. . .] and stores may make you compassionate.

You are pleasd to Send Habid Cawns letter to be forwarded by Us thô we ha[ve] not a fathom of ground about us free from Mettas we hope you have sent him a Copy directly from [Your] place with a Vackeel for its great uncertainty if his letter or this comes to You for we send it to the Norw[ay...] into Rajah Annumtarazs Countrey to pass over [that] to You we want beside the lead and remaining Stores which should have come w^th^. M^r^. Noden more Shells for our Mortar and if possible another Mortar & Shells also shells for the Cochorns & great & small granadoes with Shot Iron & Stone of all Sorts & Sizes & for Gods Sake fresh provisions.

In Answer to Yo^r^. [Hon^r^]. &c^a^. queries about the Ganjam Galley as you may [please] to see in our diarys & Consultations after Striking Due point she arriv'd here w^th^. Cap^n^. Hamilton 20^th^. Janu^y^. 1710 and had no more damage than loss of a Mast w[hich] he Suplied and about the 30^th^. Janu^y^. Cap^n^. Hamilton not agreeing with Us about demorage &c^a^. we agreed to det[ain] the said Galley for the Companies Service then bound on a Voiage to Bengall to Return w^th^. a Stock to be invested there of 7000 Rupees to Your port about which our Consultation of the aforemention'd date and our letter [in] Answer to [Your] queries dated the Second March & [...] of may [. . .] in matters further and fully the 2[8^th^.] February [Mr] [H]astings loosing all hopes of [intending a voyage on the] Galley to Your port from Benga[ll] [. . .] Hamilton that he should go on a Voyage to Junkselone their Joint concern after clea[. . .] from the Companies Service and the following [day] Cap^n^. Hamilton saild for Pegue and a new Phou[dar] from Habid Cawne oblidged Fuckerlee Cawne to Remove his forces and y^e^. 2^d^. March receiving Your ye[...] letter with advice of sending the Rising Sun' [Smack] which ar[r]iv'd here y^e^. 10^th^. ditto the Galley got wood & Wat[er] with some goods on board for her Junkseylone Vo[yage] saild the 16^th^. for Bengall but by distress of Weather occasiond by detaining

her so long here was drove [away] at Ballasore where all her Anchors Cables & Guns ([they] serve as anchors) were lost & by the Cap.ns' Acco^{t}. inclos[ed] You'll see the ₱ticulars that Damage at Ballaso[re] though M^{r}. Blounts writes to M^{r}. Hastings that [...] Rupees wont fitt her to y^{e}. same good Condition for [the] Voyage as when she left Vizagapatam.

M^{r}. Hastings can't tell the time of his Galleys staying at Bengall for by the aforesaid misfortune she was there last January and want of advices would not admit of any Voyage for her & for the price of rice as she was not any ways design'd to be concern'd he can give no answer and as M^{r}. Hastings has from the first Refer'd the Sum [As] due to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. and Justice notwithstanding [the] Ruin of his fortune threatens every wa[y] [...] will never depart from his first proposa[ll] [humbly] begs Yo^{r}. favour without any further [delay]. The 2^{d}. of this Month Ensign Dixon a brave Souldier and forward in his buisness returning from one of our Outworks was shot with a muskett ball in the le[ft] Shouldier which entred his body and by inward bleeding in seaven days he expir'd a great loss for the men under his Command who Obeyd him with true affection.

Our distracted Condition will not give time to enlarge but imploring Your [most] speedy Assistance wth. Ships men & provisions [we] with our constant respects Subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}. &c^{a}.
Your most Obedient humble Servan[ts].

VIZAGAPATAM
APRILL Y^{E}. 22^{D}. 1711.
REC^{D}. MAY 22 1711.

FRANCIS HASTINGS.
RO^{T}. CRANWE[LL].
RI^{D}. HORD[EN].

P. S.

Our [Persianes] Assure Us that from the Walcawnevese People the Dutch have offer'd Fuckerlee Cawn his money with Interest & Charges if he can Oblidge Us to quit the Place and give them a Title to come here which wee have Reason to beleive for from the begining of our troubles they have not so much as wrote to our Chief and Assisted Fuckerlee Cawne what lay in their power.

No. 68

TO THE HON^{BLE}. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{RE}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{RS}. &C^{A}.

The Cojee is come hither and brings wth. him the news [of] the death of Esiph Cawne late Suba of Golconda which was [...] Confirm by Dutch letters yesterday that Meerza [Beegs] father in Law gives out orders till they hear from Doud Cawne now at Aurengabad or the Mogull Rangorose had made up his buisness wth. Meerza for five lack of Rupees before the news of y^{e}. Subahs death came and now avoids paying any money the Dutch are endeavouring to put and end to their troubles at Pullicutt the origin of which appears to arise from their protecting a Rich man that was concernd with Rangerose in selling the Kings Salt without a Perwannah and is not now to be found and the Occasion of their large presents &c^{a}. to Meerza when he was here.

An Inhabitant of this place came lately from Habid Cawn and tells me he found him very uneasie about Fuckerlee Cawns maintaining his War at Vizagapatam with the Kings money w^{ch}. for some time he had made use of which made him have thoughts of sending one Meerhasidulla in his place or go himself to Chicocull not being able to suffer it longer nothing appearing to save Fuckerlee Cawne from being ruin'd but the getting a large Sum of money from the English.

In two days more we sail to Vizagapatam w^th^. provisions three of the Bengallers that Refusd to take them in for a good Sum of money least (as they alleadg'd) those troubles should affect their place were lost in a storm near Nassapore point and y^e^. other not heard of.

METCHLEPATAM
[ ] Y^E^. 7^TH^. 1711
[ ] THE 28^TH^. D^o^.

Hon^d^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your Obedient Serv^t^.
T. FAUCETT.

N^o^. 69

TO THE HON^BLE^. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE^.
PRESIDENT FOR R^T^. HON^BLE^. ENGLISH
UNITED COMP^A^. GOVERN^R^. FORT S^T^.
GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Affairs at Maddapollam are Extreamly bad Mahumud Yarbeague went against Rangerose he not complying w^th^. his Demands his people Robb'd all his Governments burning Towns killing many people much people leapt into [the] river Men Women & Children there perisht after Yarbeague went to Pollicull sent Message to the [...] having a Desire to see the factory Chief & Second [...] out to Receive him presented him with a Small [...] went & sat in one of the gardens there they eat af[ter] that came into y^e^. factory Cheif presented Cloth [and] other goods to 500 Rupees some say Six at his dep[arture] Order'd to Seize all the Merchants Carried them to Maddapollam to our Factory before this I writ to Yerbeague to Request his Order for his people to cease from abusing the Factories he pitcht his tent in [a] new factory sent for his Officers gave them all [...] upon no acco^t^. to take away plank Timber or any thing thereto belonging after that writ a [very] civil[I] Answer Returnd the peon after 15 days waiting him from place to place Call'd for our Braminy & peons ordering none to meddle w^th^. them mentioning in the letter leave is come for the present to go for Bengall Your Hon^r^. sends no Ship for it before desirous to have it sent away now Yo^r^. Hon^r^. rests quiett having deliver'd the pollicull Merchants to his Officers beat them demanding mony of them not permitting to goe to Pullicull this Cheif has writ to him and his head Fakere about them what answer Returnd I know not.

The 7^th^. Currant Yarbeague sent his women to Reside here in Metchlepatam Esuph Cawne Subah of Golcondah is dead People are much afraid he will robb these parts.

Two Dutch Ships arriv'd here unlading Copper round pepper ladeing bales from hence to Bimlepatam bound to Battavia.

Wee have mett w^th^. great trouble & disappointments about this Rice the boat was ready Lascars run away could not prevail w^th^. them on any acco^t^. offer'd to give them ten Rupees ℔ man sent for our boat people that live under Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. protection Requesting twelve men give them the same pay they all run away some days passing could not get them turn'd them out from Hon^bl^e^. Comp[^ys^.] protection three Bengall Sloops here I agreed w^th^. one of them next day going to lade he would not permitt Rice to go on board would not give under[hand] to Anchor at Vizagapatam if our people sent boats off he would lye by the other Sloo[p] gave the same answer would not stay one day thes[e] three saild out all cast away at Antreveade since [I] agreed with a Sloop of this place bound to Bengall. Full moon had no land winds could not get out the 7 Currant she went over this barr sent one boat of Rice aboard tomorrow shall send another boat [off] next day sent Goats Hogs Hens M^r^. Faucetts goods himself going passenger on the same Sloop shall make up these acco^ts^. send Yo^r^. Hon^r^ I humbly crave leave

METCHLEPATAM
THE 7^TH^. MAY 1711.
REC^D^. THE 22^D^. DITTO 1711.

HON̄^BLE^ S^R^. &C^A^.
Your most Obedient Servant
PHILIP NODEN.

No. 70

To the Honble. William Fraser Esqre.
President & Governr. for Affairs of the
Rt. Honble. United English East India Compa.
&ca. Councill in Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

After dispatch of our last dated the 22d. last month [wee] were Inform'd that Fuckerlee Cawn was [. . . .] degree and would never be satisfied [. . .] his money by the hands of [.] 24th. a Braminy was sent [. . .] In his Camp to Sig[. . .] Proposalls of accomodating all differences here wch. finding we could do with less Charge and on better terms than what Your Honr. &cs. propos'd accordingly we resolved to send the 28th. one Mahomet Fire an Inhabitant of this place to discourse Fuckerlee Cawne and know the extent of his demands which concluded in paying the principall Sum remaining due from Mr. Holcombs bond after our deducting severall [small] Sums paid here & and on accot. Consum Lingana abou[t] three hundred Pagods. (which we must pay him) so that the Ballance remaining due to Fuckerlee Cawn was Rupees 20732 as by abstract of an Accot. Inclos[ed] which Sum aforesaid of Rupees 20732 we paid him the Primo Instant at the Cheifs Lodgings where was deliverd Mr. Holcombs bond with the Compas. Seal a full discharge and perfect good Reconciliation with all the marks of friendship and Favour that we could expect or desire as to Fuckerlee Cawns demands of Interest Charges &ca. they run at first very high but we determined that difficult point by not concerning our selves about what he has Recd. from Braminy Juggapah.

[On] this extraordinary occasion we could not avoid [giving] Fuckerlee Cawne a handsome present [. . .] to about 500 Pagds. Including therein [. . .] what was design'd for him last Year and he has granted Perwannahs for a [future[trade to all places in his Government which how long (and we see no reasons to ye. contrary) large Investments may be made as one means to retreive our great expences and in few days we shall enter up[on] retrenchments by discharging unecessary peons and Servants wishing also that we could return ye. No of Souldiers lately sent Us.

Wee hope Yor. Honr. &ca. will favour Us with Your entire approbation of what measures we have concerted for ending our troubles weighing the follow[ing] Considerations which induced us thereto Vizt. Fuckerlee Cawns not aproving his payment from the hand of Habid Cawne would always directly or Indirectly put a Stop to our trade, the Vessell wch. we sent for Sh[...] Raworths Rice lost one of her Anchors and drove to [the] Northward of Bimlepatam so that we almost despai[red] of that Supply (thô by a lucky slatch of wind she is return'd but most part of the Rice damag'd the [...] of the people on this Extremity and the supplicat[ion] of our Merchants Inhabitants &ca. to make up differences continually importun'd Us also our Charges Extraordinary of Rice for Batty and Arrack to ye. Souldiers would continue till Your Honr. &cs. had [...] an Order for Fuckerlee Cawnes Removing wth. his Army and then we should be no less lyable to the usuall charge of Seer Lascars presents with all the disadvantages that would arise from his resentments and want of a good Inclination to assist in our affairs severall of our Bomb shells fell without breaking into Fuckerlees Camp to ye. number of about 12 or 14 most part of which he has promis'd to Return we sparing him in lieu thereof one of our great Guns.

Wee have no money for expences and are in Arrears to our people so beg a speedy supply with paper quills and of all sorts of Factors provisions likewise Europe Cloth rashes of all Sorts and rarities of all Sorts for Presents of which we are destitute.

Fuckerlee Cawne has often demanded of Us his palankeen which Madm. Holcomb carried with her & wonders we should mention a Small charge of Silver put to it after he bestow'd such considerable presents and favours on the deceasd Mr. Holcomb we desire You'll send the Palankeen with what belongs to by first oppertunity also an accot. of Mdm. Holcombs Silver thereto wch. if convenient we shall demand.

Mr. Hastings again begs your favour in ordering payment of his due for loss of the Ganjam Galleys Voyage and we most Respectfully subscribe.

Vizagapatam
May the 5th. 1711.

Hon^ble. Sr. &c^a.
Your most Obedient Humble Servts.

Recd. Do. 23d. 1711.

Franco. Hastings.
Robt. Cranwell.
Richd. Horden.

No. 71

To the Hon^ble. William Fraser Esq^re.
Govern^r. of Fort St. George & President for Affairs
of ye. United Comp^a. of Merchants of England tradeing
to ye. East Indies on the Coast of Choromandell &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. Sr. &c^a.

Inclos'd is a triplicate of what wrote Yor. Honr. &ca. by Ship President and by Zoodee Cawns Cossids si[nce] which have made Contracts with the Merchants for goods for the expected Shipping according to List from our Hon^ble. Masters Recd. ℔ Ship Suc[cess] we shall provide about 12 or 13 hundred Tonn and [nce] Urgent Occasion be rather than our Shipping should lye by we hope to be able to provide 1500 Tonns whom we thought fit to give You notice of that You [must] guide Your selves accordingly.

The Success [on] arriving here so late we could send her up to You [the] Monsoon but so soon as the Season will permitt we shall not fail sending her to You w^th. Cargoes ℔ [from] St. Hellena Europe as the Secrett Committee has Order'd in which list they direct that ten bales [of] Cloth be part of her Cargoe which we give You Notice of that they may provided for her on her [...] with You Capn. Clapham is to follow Your directions for his further proceedings.

Wee Recd. a Generall letter overland from Surratt of the 15 December last wherein they advise Us that by first Sea Conveyance they would send Us draughts of the Phirmaunds they intended to intercede for the Coast bay & Suratt by which it appears to Us that they intend to Send to Court to procure a Phirmaund and that they know not any thing of the presents design from You to the King we have wrote to them advising of the intended present and that on Receit of ours they would immediately advise Us in what manner they intend to proceed in this affair that we might on sending up the present guide our Selves accordingly.

By the Dutch Ships lately arrived here from Battavia we had advices that the Oyley Frigat a Seperate Stock Ships arriv'd there from Europe and got a lading of Tea and Saild in October back again for England.

Fort William
March the 27th. 1711.

We are
Hon^ble. Sr. &c^a.
Your Affectionate Friends & Humble Servants.

Jno. Russell.
Abm. Adams.
Jos: Chitty.
Jno. Calvert.
Sam: Blount.
Wm. Loyd.
Sam: Feake.

P.S.

Conformable fo[r] a Note put up at the Gates of this Fort dated the 2d. March $17\frac{10}{11}$ the Creditors of Mr. Jacob Dudley [late] of Bencoolen deceas'd apear to be as followeth Viz^t.

dollers
Estate of Mr. Jas. Leave deceas'd 300
as ℔ Note & Letter of Advice [...iam] Soame

640 weighty dollers Spanish which Mr. Dudley in a Lettr. [whereof] Attested Coppies are sent to Capn. William who acknowledges to [...] recd. of Capa. Thos. Warner being produce of what was here [...] Capn. Warner a Respondentia on Ship Westmoreland for Bencoolen as by his [...] now produc'd to the President & Councill doth plainly appear to [...] to Thomas Holbridge Rupees. 100 as ☞ Note under Mr. Dudleys hand Idem.

No. 72.

To the Honble. William Fraser Esqre.
President for Rt. Honble. Compa.
Governe. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

The 11th. Currant saild the Sloop for Vizagapatam wth. Mr. Faucett & provisions enclos'd comes Invoyce of [...] 12 in the Morning past Vizagapatam two peons gave [ ] to our people troubles of Vizagam. were over.

The 12 Currant came Yarbeague with his Army to Gundere which allarm'd these parts that day came [3] Letters from Yarbeague to the Dutch Cheif Auga[M . . . .] and Auga Gunnee to Secure the Towne his Army not [heeding] his Word nor obeying his Command intending to Rob this Towne in the Evening Recd. four letters from Yar[beague] One for me wch. read a generall Councill was called [and] agreed to Secure the Towne Dutch sent aboard broug[ht] Six Guns 30 men ashoare entertaind peons repaird points of the Town planted Guns thereon all People giv[ing] their attendance to their appointed post a fine for [no] performance ordering me to One point with one Dutch to attend two Guns to Supply that place with strength of People or pay a 100 Pagds. got our two Guns into the [fort] planted one on the point day & night watching everyday demanding Entrance deliver the Town up turn'd to [...]back in the Out towns seizing people forcing money [from] them using great Severity to them the 18th. Phouzdar came with people to demand the Town turnd the people back admitted him & 8 people answer'd would not deliver the Town to him Your Masters dead his Order to you the Same will keep the Town till king Shaallums [Order] or a New Subah comes to Golcondah offerd to Stay in the Town order'd him to go out or we would force him went out ordering not to Return again.

Zoode Cawns people are here Mahommud Jumma Auga Mena and they came to Our factory Requesting me to write to Your Honr. to Supply them with Strength to put them in place Yor. Honr. please to Consider what they write they humbly entreat Your Honr. to give them speedy Answer 3 or 4 Days and accounts wth. a Bill to pay Mr. Fredrick money recd. of him to Supply Right Honble. Compas. I humbly crave leave

Honble. Srs.
Your most humble Serv.

Metchlepatam
ye. 9th. 1711.
Recd. ye. 2d. June 1711.

N°. 73

To the Hon^ble. William Fraser Esq^re.
President &c^a. Council for Affairs
of the Hon^ble. United English East India
Comp^a. at Fort S^r. George.

Hon^ble. S^rs. &c^a.

Our last Advices to You were under the 31^st. last August sent down to Carwarr to be from thence forwarded overland since [which] the 10^th. January receivd Yours of y^e. 29^th. August and [...] Sep^r. and the 22^d. last month receivd yours of y^e. 6 D[°.] We give You thanks for the advices you give Us [from] Your Side India and do heartily wish what of our [...] you have dispatch'd home may arrive them in [Safe]. The 22^d. Sep^r. arriv'd the Bleinheim from Mocho the Super Cargoes not being able there to fill her of [...] She wanted about 30 Tonn which we here [comp...] and dispatcht her for England the 10^th. November and 21^st. January dispatcht the Fleet Friggat w^th. a Cargoe amounting to Rupees 310100 the 9^th. February dispatcht the New George her Cargoe amounting to 945400 Rupees and the 3^d. Instant dispatcht the Tankervill with a Ca[rgoe] amounting to Rupees 567000 all whom we w[ish] a prosperous Voyage on the New George S^r. John & [his] family took their passage for England.

The Dutchess from England to Persia and from thence hither arriv'd us the 22^d. December and the 19^th. d°. arrivd the Katherine the Phoenix unhapily Stranded on the Coast of Madura the 8^th. November all her treasure [some] part of her Cloth and lead brought to Anjango [on] the Danes Ship hir'd for that purpose and sent [...] on the Dutchess whom we dispatch'd thither on [...] of the Phoenix's misfortune to bring up [what should] be saved and she return'd to Us the 22^d. past but w^th. a very imperfect acco^t. from the Companies Servants there of what is saved and what likely more to be saved tho they write Us they keep as yet people yet upon the Rack promising 1/3 part to y^e. people of Tutacareen for their assistance & charges of Boats & Coolies of what more they shall by their assistance recover of it.

We were in hopes to have obtaind a Freight to Persia this Season for one of these Ships but are disappointed therein the great troubles on y^e. Roads from up Countrey to Suratt being greatly infested w^th. Robbers impeeds goods Coming in so that Dutchess & Katherine lies up here the Rains in September do intend to dispatch one of them for Persia and the other down the Coast to fetch up pepper.

The Josiah S^t. Andrew & Severn from Bengall arrived here the 22^d. past the Season of the Year being so far advanc'd they thought it dangerous venturing up to Surratt So winters in this port we have not by them Rec^d. a Line from the President & Councill at Calcutta but y^e. Gentlem^n. on these Ships inform Us that the Concord saild for England the 21^st. January the Next Day the King William was to follow her and that the Gentlemen in Bengall were in expectation of dispatching [the Susanna] some time in febru[ary] and they likewise Inform Us that three of [the] French Ships cruiz'd off the new deeps 15 days in Janu[y.]. Wee are concern'd to hear they have taken a Vessell from Pegu and another from Menillha belonging to Your port this we design You on the Thomas that Arrivd [Su...] the 15^th. past & finish'd her buisness there called in here in her Return towards You and is the first Oppertunity we have met with to write to You since Receipt of your aforementiond Letters.

We give you thanks for the Coppy of a Letter you sent Us wrote you by three of this Councill Residing in Suratt and your Just observation thereon Assuming to themselves a power they are not Invested w^th. and a [Credit] they [have very] little Reason [to] pretend to as while they Reside here they cannot in [...] Publick Character and it is well known S^r. J^n. Gayers money and countanc'd from hence got him his liberty thô all underhand means were used by M^r. Proby to prevent it.

On your writing us under the 8^th. October 1709 that the Court being Remov'd so far from You prevented Your design of sending the presents You intended to the King untill You knew his Settl[ed] abode was the Reason we direct'd the grants to be Obtaind for Your Side from the Present Emper[or] Shaaallum (*sic*) drawn out by the

late Govern^{r}.[Pitt] and Councill of which they sent Us Coppy to be anex'd to the grants we Rec^{d}. from the Emperour for this Side and both at the same time presented to the Governour of Surratt Emanet Cawn who hath for a long time promisd Us his friendship In obtaining the desird Phirmaund as well as the Assistance in Obtaining Satisfaction of what has been unjustly extorted from the Hon^{ble}. Old Company by that Government and his favour in interposing in the Companys behalf adjusting all their depending Acco^{ts}. but he ever been almost ever since employ'd up Country in Subduing the Coolies and since by the death of [...] [Cawne] in his room translated to the Government of a[...]mavadad has recommended our affairs to Inferiour Officers that he has untill further Orders from Court entrusted with the Government of Suratt so that as yet we have made little progress in our Maders affairs that he promis'd to be so Assisting to Us In and you writing us You are in so great forwardness by means of that Minister of State Zoda Cawn to obtain a Phirmaund Confirming the Companies Priviledges on Your Side we shall omitt presenting them as we did design in Conjunction wth. ours when oppertunitie does present though we could have wished since we are in the same interest that the same charge might have serv'd to have [ob]taind an ample Phirmaund for our Masters whole trade throughout the Dominions of the Great Mogull.

By private advices by way of Persia we hear the Confederates had taken Doway and Bithune and had formed the Seidge of Arras and that in July last King Charles the 3^{d}. had entirely defeated King Philip he escaping only with 40 Horse and fled towards Arragon which we hope Your expected Ships and ours will confirm the Truth of and bring Us farther good news of the Confederates Success.

What You desire to be sent You from Persia we [will] give You Orders about on the first oppertunity we [have] to write thither our Masters Ship the India Frigg-[ate] that arrived thence the 24th. past advis'd Us the [Mermaid] from Bengall arrivd there the fourth past and in his passage out of the Gulf the master of the Indian Friggatt informs he saw a Ship going in which he took to be the [Jo^{n}.] & Elizabeth we Committ you and [our] Masters affairs to the devine protection & Remain

Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}.

Your Assur'd friends & humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
MAY THE 8TH. 1711.
REC^{D}. THE 3^{D}. [JUNE].

WILLIAM. AISLAB[IE].
WILLIAM PHIPS
JNO. COURTNEY.
[BUR...].

№. 74

TO THE HON^{BLE}. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{RE}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORTS S^{T}. GEORGE &
S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

We have rec^{d}. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of y^{e}. 18th. past month the Deputy Govern^{r}. esteems himself very much oblidg'd to Your &c^{a}. for Your kind wishes of his health which at present he has a better share of than he has enjoyd for Some time.

Our unfortunate Officers are still detaind Prisoners at Chingee and loaded wth. heavy Irons which has continued so long upon them that now their feet begin to Swell extreamly the humours being settld there for want of motion in exercising their leggs the heart of that stupid inhuman Creature Suroop Sing is still so hardned that notwithstanding his Countrey is ruind by the Ground remaining untilld his Villages Burnt and Towns continually plunder'd by Chella Naigues people yet he will not be prevaild wth. to let our People go this Obdurate temper of his tis said is not

to be mollified except his Avaritious humour be satisfied by money which would be a very ill presedent and a great encouragment for others hereafter to attempt the like upon the least [. . .] Clearance must be given to any and it lay in [his] power to do it twere better to advance a 1000 [Pagodas] or more to him than to give 10 to Suroop [Singh] on said acc^{ct}. but we hope the present You [Have] lately sent to the Duan with y^{e}. mediation [. . .]of Ramah in behalf of our Officers may have [a great] effect towards the procuring their enlarging our Merchants are very unwilling only to [provide] course goods for this Years Investment without [a] fine which is what they chiefly get by but if You[r] Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. pleases to Send a List of the Severall sorts of [. . .] You would have provided here we will endeavour to make [contract] with them with all possible expedition so that [they] may be got ready by the Limitted time of the 10th. of [August]. We have before advisd the Receipt of 10000 by Ship [Golden] Lyon and now acknowledge the Receipt of 2500 Pagodas by Bills from Mess^{rs}. Tho^{s}. Fredrick & Arram Jones dra[wn] on the Deputy Govern^{r}. which is made good into the Right Hon^{ble}. Compan^{s}. Cash.

So soon as the French Ships Arrive at Ponticherry the Dep^{y}. Govern^{r}. will lodge Letters of advice at Neg[a]patam and Trincombar to the Commanders of the Companies outward bound Ships as also to the [Supra] Cargoes & Commanders of all Country Ships belonging to the English that may happen to fall in at the afore[said] ports.

Wee are in great want of Medicines [in] Gunroom there being little or no Store left whe[n] Doctor Jolley arrived here but hope when Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. has any will send us a supply.

Herewith comes Mess^{rs}. Bakers and Cottrells Answer to the charge exhibited against Them by the Deputy Govern^{r}. which being the needfull at present crave leave to subscribe

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
JUNE THE P^{MO}. 1711.

Hon . S^{r} &c^{a}.
Your most Obedient humble Serv^{t}.

REC^{D}. 5 DITTO.

RICH^{D}. FARMER.
JN^{O}. BERLUE.
RICH^{D}. HARRISON.
P. BAKER.
MA: WELD.
HEN: COTTRELL.

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HON^{BLE}. S^{R},

By Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. generall letter of the 18th. Instant to the Deputy Govern^{r}. &c^{a}., here I am very Surprizd at the Complaint exhibited against me by his Worshipp whereupon Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. being highly displeasd Orderd me immediately to give my Answer to what the Deputy Govern^{r}. should think fit and proper to Charge me with which as I have since Unde[r]stood by the Coppy Rec^{d}. from his Worship Farmer consist in long Relations of disoblidging Expressions I am said to lett fall gatherd from Severall Enemies and Accumatively [*sic*] heap'd togather to make a charge against Me and to Contrive my Ruin in which prejudice may so apparently discoverd that I hope I need not be prolix in Confuting every Circumstance.

In answer to y^{e}. Paper containing y^{e}. Old Charge Revis[ed] I verily concluded that would never have been brought against me more y^{e}. difference being Composd by the mediation of Do^{r}. Jones, Christmass last when I ha[d] the greatest Reason for Assurance of it therefore hope I may be excus'd giving Answer thereto but if it is further requird I desire I may have the Liberty to be the bearer of it after a Convenient space of time allowd me to raise up those forgotten differences by repent [ence] buried in forgiveness as I verily imagind in the Com[munion].

In Answer to what Charge against Me in the paper strangely witnessd by Bentue & Weld I think prejudice is there painted in coulours neither of them being present when [these] actions charg'd against Me hapned that I [. . .] say

little or nothing in my own Vindication, [. . .] I should be thought disobedient to Yo^r. Hon^rs. &c^a. Orders I shall endeavour to Satisfie Yo^r. Hon^r. &c that by what I said to his Worship about y^e. Souldiers being taken from my Point was intended no more than to Accq^t. him the Officers had not followed his Orders but their own humour for instead of taking ten or twelve men from the Factory they drew in all 19 by which there was no Europe Souldirs and no Officers left on the point under my Charge near which the Town Wall is so very low by Reason of the sand blown ag^st. it that a man at that time might easily jump over it from his horses back if the manner wherein I related this Matter was disoblidging I am Sorry for it And would have begd His Worships pardon that very Instant had he been pleas'd then to have signified his Resentment.

As to the dispute between M^r. Cottrell and Me about the boat man I am amaz'd to think what for brought Inferences are deduced to make something appear to my prejudice and for nothing else as I know of unless advising said Gentleman not to give way to passion and if he would not hear me to refer the matter to M^r. Harrison as being superiour to Us both which is the true Intent and meaning of that Strange round about Contrivd Charge.

I am concernd that his Worship hath been so unkind to Exhibit complaints against Me and not first give me so much notice as to imagined wherein I had disoblidg'd Since at my humble Request upon y^e. Reconcilliation at Christmass he consented for the future to let me know in a friendly manner if he took anything amiss of me to avoid Animosity & misunderstanding which had he been pleasd to let me know before he wrote Your hon^r. &c what had disoblidged him which had I should have prevented any cause for that trouble having Resolvd to Avoid all disputes if possible And now lastly I declare I know nothing of any contrivances or designs tending to faction or the disquiet of his Worship or any in the place and veryly beleive the Root of it is no where but in groundless Imagination.

I hope this will prove satisfactory to Your Hon^r. &c^a. Councill and Restore me to Your favour being in all Sincerity

CUDDALORE
MAY THE 29^TH. 1711.

Hon . S . &c^a.
Your Hon^rs. &c^a..
Most Obedient & most Humble Serv^t.
PHILIP BAKER.

N^o. 76

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R. OF FORTS S^T. GEORGE &
S^T. DAVID &C^A. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

Whereas by a generall Letter lately Rec'd from Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. Councill to y^e. D. Govern^r. and Councill of this place I find myself accusd by same D Govern^r. of some misbehaviours I have been guilty of towards him to which in complyance to Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. Order I take the liberty to give the following Answer tho' cant help first taking Notice of my good friends Mess^rs. Berlu & Welds Readiness to witness the whole against me tho at the same time acknowledge themselves to be strangers to some part of it So hope said accusation will seem of little Validity w^th. Your Hon^r. &c^a. so far as Relates to those two Gentlemens Attestation who if would look into their own Actions would find themselves not entirely without fault.

Refuse the Deputy Govern^rs. Orders I never did who ever told him so mightily wrong Me tis true I was with Cap^n. Viver when Captain Courtney brought the Deputy Govern^rs. Orders for his having 10 or 12 Men detach'd out of Cuddalor whereupon I made Answer that they should have none from my point & Gate without the D. Govern^rs. Order by Note or Peon Cap^n. Courtneys Order being directed to Cap^n. Viver only which words they have maliciously perverted to Incense the D Govern^r. against me however hope the Testimony of Captain Viver will have little Regard to

As to my Refusing to sign to the lading of the Necessity Briga[n]tine and Ship Industry itt is some time since and so cannot readily now call to mind every particular passage that then hapned So shall only offer Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. this following reason which I hope will be thought Sufficient which is that I was not summoned to the Councill (and to y^{e}. best of my memory) till the D. Govern^{r}. and Gentlemen were sett in Councill & Cuddalor being at such distance from the Court that it was not possible for me to come time enough (as I found it) to give my opinion of that matter and so consequently thought my Self under no Obligation to Sign to other Gentlemens Transactions.

The Report Your Hon^{r}. had alleadg'd against me as to the sorting the cloth I formerly accquainted Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. of the truth of that matter w^{ch}. Concluded Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. were fully satisfied wth. was a great satisfaction to me nor could I think that after the Rever'd M^{r}. Jones had made peace amongst us all (which on my part was very sincere that the Worshipfull D. Govern^{r}. having Rec'd the Holy Sacrament and freely forgiveing all mankind would reap this last Article up agains^{t}. me.

As to Cap^{n}. Courtney I am Sensible Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. knowes his Character & behaviour which he been very Insolent lately towards me for an Acco^{t}. of w^{ch}. I desire to Refer Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. to an enclosd Letter not doubting but Youll use him in this and other matters as he deserves.

Whatever inde[cent] Expressions or behaviours I have been guilty of [the] D. Govern^{r}. I am heartily Sorry for and do Assure Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that they have rather hapned through Inadvertency than any Design to affront him so that when I ask his pardon (which I intend to do) hope that he will not deny me and that Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c will not deem me worthy being put from the Councill board here since You may rest Assurd I will take Care that You have no Complaints of me for the future who request to subscribe himself

CUDDALOR
MAY THE 29TH. 1711.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}.
Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. most Humble & Oblidg'd
Serv^{t}. to Com^{d}.

HEN^{Y}: COTTRELL.

N^{o}. 77

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.

On Tuesday the 22^{d}. Instant going up to the Fort to pay my Respects to the Worshipfull D. Govern^{r}. and amongst the Company met Captain Courtney who after dinner was talkeing in praise of my Father and at the same time Ridiculing me w^{ch}. made me tell him I admir'd at his Irish impudence for so doing and his impertinence extended so far as to Call me Dog Villain an Rascall Words unfitting to be us'd or given to any in the presence of the Deputy Govern^{r}. especiall in his Lodgins before so much Company belonging both to the Sea and Shoar and it came to that pitch that he offer'd to strike me and threatned that if he met me out of the Fort he'd thrash me for which Affronts I have not as Yet Rec'd any Satisfaction therefore Relye on Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for Justice and with due Respects Crave leave to Subscribe

CUDDALOR
29 MAY 171[1].

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}.
Your hon^{r}. most Obedient
and Oblidg'd humble Serv^{t}.

HEN: COTTRELL.

N°. 78

HONBLE. SR.

Tis needneless (*sic*) I think, to make any long preambles about the answers of Messrs. Baker & Cottrell Your Hons. &ca. own observations being sufficient to perceive that they are filld up with evasive expressions to prevariucate and disguise truth so as to Gloss over their Actions and to perswade Yor. Honr. &ca. to beleive if possible that my charge against them is all groundless imagination & Surmize if twas so why dont they to every Article charged them with contradict & prove what I have asserted to be false I can when ever Requird send Yor. Honr. &ca. Attestations or Affidavits to every Article charged them wth. if they had absolutely denied it but their defence is very weak that I think there is no necessity for it.

As for their Assertion that I had pardoned them upon the Receiving the Eucharist I beleive they might as well have lett that alone for tis not to be Supposd that if I forgive them or any one once twice or more (as I have done them that thereby I am Oblidg'd always to do the like let them offend as often as they please were I upon an equall levell with them I must confess I should once more pass all by upon their asking pardon (as they have done) but when the Companys Affairs are Injur'd and the tranquility of the Government and good of the place disturb'd and put out of order by factions I cannot I say let such proceedings pass by without taking notice of them and Representing the same to Yor. Honr. &ca. for Redress being well assurd that if Yor. Honr. &ca. Reinstated them in Yor. favour that it would not be long before they would Committ ye. like enormities as before or rather worse the preventing of which I dont in the Least doubt but Your Honr. &ca. will please to take it into Your Consideration. I am with all due respects

FORT ST. DAVID
JUNE 2D. 1711.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your Hons. &ca. most obedient
humble Servant
RI: FARMER.

N°. 79

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

MAY IT PLEASE YOR. HONR. &CA.

The base Reflections of Messrs. Baker & Cottrell in these Evasive Answers to ye. Charge Exhibet'd against them oblidges me to trouble Yor. Honr. &ca. Councill with this to vindicate myself and question not but Yor. goodness will pardon my giving You this trouble.

To what Mr. Baker alleadges of my wittnessing (the pap[er] as he calls it) that prejudice is there painted in lively colours. I give for Answer (that according to the tenour of ye. words in the generall Letter) that I either knew or had heard of most of the transactions) this is what I can safely take my Oath of that Mr. Cottrel told me that Mr. Baker said that he was his Govern. and would Confine him or send a guard for him if he would not be quiet. 1ST.

And as to his Refusing the men at Cuddalore the D. Govern. by note advisd me thereof also Capn. Viver & Courtney both told me the same.

So that Mr. Baker I think is in the wrong to use so ill an Expression against me [whom] he knows in his Conscience he has in my hear[ing] made use of worser Expressions than any as yett charged with.

To Mr. Cottrells taking notice of my Readiness to wittness the whole against him though at ye. same time acknowledge me to be a Stranger to some part. 2D.

I am astonisht at so bare face an Assertion when upon the Word of a Xtian I have neither spoke to or so much as seen M^{r}. Cottrell since the Hon^{ble}. Pres^{t}. &c^{a}. Councills Lett^{r}. came neither has he wrote to Me or I to him w^{ch}. makes me beleive the fumes of his Intoxicated brain may have occasiond him to think so.

I confess am not Immaculate and if in any thing have done amis shall not follow the tract of these gentlemen by evasive ways to clear myself in the wrong (if I am Really am Soe)—I fear have tresspass'd on Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. patience and therefore with due Respect take leave and Remain

TEVENAPATNAM
JUNE 1ST. 1711.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. most Oblidgd & most
Obedient humble Servant

J. BERLUE.

No. 80

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

I submissively presume to accq^{t}. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. in Answer to M^{r}. Bakers Letter to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. dated 29th. May 1711 Relating to the severall Charges against him I declare was never design'd by me any other ways than for my Masters Interest and the maintaining Civill Government and to before Sign'd I declare truth from his mouth the Major part.

In Answer to his Old Charge as he calls it made up [. . .] Padre Jones not then Sign'd by me I now am Obligd [to . . . .] what farther I heard in Company with the Gov[ern^{r}.] being the only instrumentall of that dispute [th . . . .] by signing by name above him att receiving the [. . . .] Sallary his Sum and mine being equall the [. . .] [occasioned] the mistake but he would have it [. . .] of it when the Governour sent for I assu[red . . .] to the] Contrary and have handsomely excus'd [. . .] alleadging it was a pure mistake [tha . . . matter] nothing would satisfie [Exca . . .] out there being severall Receipts [. . .] suffer it occasiond severall Wo[. . .] he told the Govern^{r}. twas the p[. . .] Companys Affairs and he would [. . .] the same swearing sever[...] [. . .] Governour Chekt'd him for he said he would swear by God and by God, was not he of Council? and as he had a point under his Charge none should withdraw any except those who plac't them what does Yo^{r}. Worship make nothing of us? Within few days after Captain Viver mett M^{r}. Baker wth. the Governour when he declar'd to his face he had done ungenerously by the Govern^{r}. in talking behind his back that I should Ruin my Self if I Obey'd his Orders in sending men without their Consent which he could not deny.

M^{r}. Baker taxes me wth. declining from what before sign'd I solemnly declare is most notiriously false and that I never chang'd one word with him Relating to these Accusations which I hope wth. my Aforemention'd Reasons will be Sufficient M^{r}. Cottrell passes the same Reflections on me as my last Paragraph mentions to which I give the same Answer he being alike in all Respects to Government I shall forbear troubling Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. with more of this not Questioning but Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. will have an Accou^{tt}. of these Relations from other hands I most Respectfully [con]clude wth. my my most gratefull Acknowledgments fo[r] [. . .] Hon^{rs}. former favours in hopes of Continuance [of the same]. I crave leave to Subscribe myself

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your Hon^{r}. most Obliged humble [Ser^{t}.]

MATT^{s}. WELD.

Marching beyond Trividendapar they soon Recoverd said Cattle so that there was not one taken by the Enemy upon the disapearance of the Horses our Peons advanc'd into the Country and fir'd upon severall of the foot by which many of them were wounded to the great shame and disgrace of Mahubut Cawne and his party of Horse who could not carry away the Cattle they had taken away, on Monday Night last Cap^{n}. Roach with h[is] Company from Fort S^{t}. George an Cap^{n}. Courtney with about a 100 men and 4 or 500 Peons marchd out to a place call'd Yembolam which is Mohabut Cawns Town the Provision Oxen &c^{a}. were sent to Remain at the out G[uard] some time before that they might March wth. as little suspic[ion] or notice as could possibly be on such occasion they came upon the Town about three in the morning surprising the Inhabitants and burning said Villadge on Sight whereof Mahabut Cawne with all his forces both Horse & foot came out from Walldore advancing as near our People as they well could with Safety the better to Animate and Encourage the Bundelees who with their long Pieces and Europe Powder (as is supposd) Gall'd our people from the Bushes where they lay hid at a very great Distance but our Rifled Barrell peices and some long Guns being fired at them made them Retire further [when] Mohabut Cawn [. . .] [into the aforesaid Place] Yembolum a great part of the Town was not set on fire upon which Cap^{n}. Roach detacht a party of 24 Men wth. whom he marcht out & burnt it in presence of Mohabut Cawne who was not able with all his forces to prevent it thô there is various Acco^{ts}. given of the Dead & Wounded of the Enemies Horses Horsemen & foot yet all agree that there has been a great slaughter amongst them Reckoning from 20 to 40 Men dead & Wounded besides horses Gunner Hugonin went out wth. y^{e}. party as a Volunteer Carrying wth. him a Cochorn Morter or two w^{ch}. he fir'd among the Horse, and is beleivd to have done good Execution therewith I cannot omit to Accquaint Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of a Noble action of one of our Moor Peons who seeing a single Horseman seperate at a distance from the main body he advanc'd towards him singly calling him & Mahubut Cawn Cowards telling him don't You see the English are come out to fight You and You dare not come near them which so enrag'd the Horsemen that he Rid up to him and with all his force struck at him wth. his lance w^{ch}. the Peon Rec'd on his Target being Struck wth. so good a will that the Lance stuck therein that the Horsman could not get it out [...] w^{ch}. the Peon wth. his Sword cut the Horseman in the back and his Horse [...] from whence there was abundance of Blood seen [to . .] by our people at a distance at last the Horsman disengag'd from our peon and scrambled away to [the] Enemies main body as fast as he could, We shall [take] particular notice of this peon by giving him a gr[ant ?] which we hope will be an Encouragement for others to do the like.

Cap^{n}. Hugonin writes his [. . .] here that by a present of a p^{s}. of Silk or two to Som of the Officers both he and Ensign Reay are got [clear] of their Irons w^{ch} we heartily wish, may prove a good On [...] to their being wholly freed from their so long impr[isonment]. We forgot in our last to advise Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of the [Death] of Shevall Pererah our head watchman whose [Son] the Worrier at Warriorpollam (according to the Custom of the Country) has sent hither in his fathers place if Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. approve thereof.

The Maddapollam Yatcht lies at an Anchor at our Bars mouth and is [read] to proceed wheresoever your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. shall please to Order her.

As to our making a Contract wth. the Merchants for an Investment tis at present not to be don[e] Occasiond by an unhappy difference between M^{r}. Berlu and Peddu Chitte one of the Head Joint Stock Merchants for which Reason they will make no Contra[ct] but have prefer'd a [Person] about it both which ℔ticular Merchants of the place Requesting that they may have Liberty to leave the Compa^{s}. bounds there hath likewise hapned a Difference between M^{r}. Berlue & One Astapa Chitte a head of the Cast who has presented a Petition about it both w^{ch}. Petitions comes herewith in hopes that Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will take such methods as may speedily set things to Rights again.

The Deputy Govern^{r}. has deferrd writing about this in hopes of an Accomodation but cannot prevail wth. them to a totall Reconciliation M^{r}. Berlue having been wth. them and sent severall times to ask Peddu Chitte &c^{a}. pardon M^{r}. Berlue having

been much indispos'd some days past desires Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. permission to come to Fort S^{t}. George to answer the Charge exhibited against him. Herewith comes the Acco^{ts}. Adjustment of Cash Investm^{t}. wth. the Merch^{ts}. the ballance of which they have desird Bills. So Requesting Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will please to discharge them the Tevenepatam Mercha^{ts}. bill is for Pag. 917 : 13 : 1 payable to Kitte Narrain y^{e}. other is Pag. 1071 : 30 : 1 & payable to s^{d}. person. There is but two weavers in the bounds that make those fine Dymities the (*sic*) are now making a Muster of the finest of four threads when done shall send it Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. whith (*sic*) the Lowest price there on they say [they] will make 200 p^{s}. in three months time. Last night we Rec'd certain advice that Somann[...] Buxa from Chingee is Arriv'd wth. some horse & foot at [Wall] dore by w^{ch}. means Mohabut Cawns power ceases the Bu[xa] has sent Moldars wth. a Letter to y^{e}. Govern^{r}. of Pondicherry as we are advisd but wether tis to desire any assistance from him or to be mediator towards accommadating differences time must discover the Enemies forces are increas'd we heartily wish on this Occasion that Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. could prevail wth. M^{r}. March to stay here some time longer than intended by Reason there is Cap^{n}. [Hugonin] wth. fifty men on board said Ship w^{ch}. would be of good Assistance to Us during our present troubles which hope cannot last much longer.

We have an Acco^{t}. from the Dutch Resident here of Nine large Ships being Arriv'd at Negapatam from Bata[via] since which tis Report'd Eight more are Joind them by all w^{ch}. seems as if they had a Designe upon the [Fre...]. We are in very great want of Medicines for Use of the Garrison w^{ch}. hope Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will please to Supply Us wth. as soon as possible. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
JUNE THE 30TH 1711.

Hon^{b}.^{le}. S^{r}. &c.
Your most Obedient Servants
RICHARD FARMER.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILIP BAKER
MAT^{W}. WELD.
HEN : COTTRELL.

No. 85

TO THE HON^{BLE}. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^{RE}.
GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}.GEORGE. &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.

Of late I had no occasion to write to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. you know that the Moors of Chingee are now in camp'd not from Cuddilore the Boxis that is chief of the little Army hath written me as likewise the Raja himself to give them Succors, but I answer'd them that being in friendship wth. the English and having no Occasion of any discontent I could not give them Satisfaction and that I was Resolvd to keep an Exact Neutrality moreover I have intimated them that they cannot expect any advantage upon the English whom they know have burnt houses of their people and destroy'd their land so that I thought an agreement and a good peace would be the best thing to be concluded and that if they had any Confidence in Me I would with all my heart endeavour to bring all things to a good end they have answer'd that 'tis twelve years past since y^{e}. English have not paid them any Tribute and that a Farmer of the Raja to whom he ow'd much money did escape and put himself under the English flag att [Cuddalore] when he had notice of his being there he [Instructed] Yo^{r}. Deputy to keep him Safe and send him back to Chingee notwithstanding the English favourd his escape for that reason they Intercepted two of Yo^{r}. Officers to have Justice done to them that is their complaint and at y^{e}. end they are glad that I may make some step to an agreement so its that Reason that engageth me to write to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. to know Yo^{r}. mind and if You are contented I may go on upon such a good work for I should esteem myself very happy if I could

bring things to a happy Conclusion I have written the same to Mr. Farmer and that if Yor. Honr. consent to it, the first demand shall be that they send me Yor. two Officers Whom I'le mentain in my place till the peace be made. Soe

Fort Lewis of Punctick
this 19th. July 1711 n.s.
Recd. the 11 Do. o.s.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yor. most humble and most
Obedient Servt.

Andrew Hebert.

No. 86

Honble. Sr.

In pursuance to Yor. Honrs. Orders made the best of my way to Metchlepatam where Arrivd the 16 Instant in the Evening deliverd Yor. Honrs. Letters to Mr. Philip Noden who was very much troubled to Secure the Honble. Comps. present that place being beseidg[ed] by One Maunde Irebeck under the Sopha of Golconda being [ma . . .] to the Army which Consists of 2000 Horse and [. . .] 6000 foot he has Ravaged the Country all about [Spe]cially Maddapollam demands a Contribution from this place of Two Lack of Rupees the Merchants not complying wth. his demands is resolv'd to destroy all the place ye. Dutch having two Ships in the Road and the Arrivall of Us has put a stop to his enterprize. Mr. Noden after much importunity got ye. consent of Major part of the great men to deliver ye. present wch. was carried aboard the 21st. Instant there was a party that pretended to stop it that we was forced to bring all Europeans and some of our Lascars in [rope] Cloaths close to guard the present wch. we did and carried it off in the greatest pomp we were capable of making having more to enlarge on than wishing Yor. Honr. a Long Continuance in Yor. Govermt. is Ardent wish of him that beggs Leave to Subscribe himself

Metchlepatam
June 22d. 1711.

Honble. Sr.
Yor. most Obedt. humble Servt.

John Freeman.

[*P.S.*]

The present to outward Appearance seems as good as when came from Maddrass. Expect to depart the 24th. Instant for Bengall.

No. 87

To the Honble. William Fraser Esqre.
Presidt. for Rt. Honble. Company Governr.
of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr.

[...] 7th. June Ship President Arriv'd in this Road [. . .] Jno: Freeman Commdr. by him Recd. Yor. Honrs. [Generall] dated the 5th. June.

Wee have had four Days of hard disputes before we could obtain leave from Yarbeage he having the Order. By these disputes found Auga Gunnie having all along made it his business to draw the Gusbadar to Side with the Governmt. occasiond all these troubles great Expence writ to Golcondah against Us promising to get from Us 2000 Rupees, Yarbeage Last Answer opend it giving his Order, I had they others in Governmt. to work on I gott the Shawbaudar & Banksall peons on our side, made them Content wth. their Consama. I accquainted Capn. John Freeman desird him stand by me Sent that night aboard for powder 12 Granadoes 12 peices small Arms three Englishmen 6 Lascars with our people the 21st. June carried the

present out Sent it aboard in two boats many of their Governm^{ts}. people appear'd, none had the heart to oppose Us seeing the Granadoes made them afraid after sent to beg something of Us.

Captain Freeman Acted well for his Hon^{ble}. Employers is a person of good Conduct. Ship saild the 25 of June sent Invoyce One Bill of Lading wth. a Letter to the Hon^{ble}. John Russell Esq^{re}. Present is well conditiond as when it came down here Captain Freeman finding it in so good Condition would not open any of it, Concerns for packing with the Tents Send to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. by the first Conveyance.

Governm^{t}. of this place [. . . der] is not under Yearbeage Shawbauder is kept [. . .] Persians & Merchants to Receive the Kings Customs gather in the Rents render Acco^{t}. to him that brings Kings Orders every two Days Dutch Cheif, Second Aga Myna all the head Merchants about 30 mett at the great Gate there Consider give Order about all Affairs Also Answer to Yarbeage; Aga Myna & Musa Beage Assisted Us much in their Advice being the only men in the place Musa Beage hath writ to Zoudee Cawne to Send the Kings Phirmaund granted to him for these ports, if he sends that he may have them deliver'd to him, Copys will not give him power he expects Zoudee Cawns Answer then to goe for Bengall.

I gave Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. notice of Rangoraz building a Fort at Narsapore that near compleated having Rob'd the Inhabitants making use of the New factorie at his pleasure, Dutch Cloth at Dutcheroone cant pass over land.

Present Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. sent for the Gusbadar he not Receiving did not send it this and what Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. sent by the President shall dispose of, Rosewater being all spoil'd, Almonds and fruit if any good shall give Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. an Acco^{t}. The 27th. Dutch Cheif gave notice to Aga Myna; He could not keep the Ships they would lose their passage to Batavia, Aga Myna Answered. Att the generall Councill you promis'd to keep them to Secure the Town for the King, our Letters are gone to the King gave an Acco^{t}. of [. . .] concern'd in this for the time of the Ship [. . .] here to Secure his Country King [ca . . .] You I am the Kings Servant, I will pay you if You will not say for the Kings Answer, Send Yo^{r}. Ships away, I will keep the place Dutch Cheif after Aga Myna was gone sent for three head Merchants made friends Ships to stay till the Kings Answer comes on this Councill I am forced to keep the people at the point; present being gone intending to have discharge them I have discharged the boats people I hope Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. before this time hath Rec^{d}. the 3 months Accom^{ps}. there Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. hath Creditt for M^{r}. Fredericks money being 159 pag^{s}. 22 fan^{ms}. The 28th. Curr^{t}. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. Gen^{ll}. dated 15 Curr^{t}. here enclose Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. the Muster prizes of the goods, Also the prizes M^{r}. Frewen agreed wth. the Merchants these Musters are the head Musters One of the Bills of Lading for the present on the President for Bengall The Last Agreement for Wood was 170$\frac{9}{10}$ boates three of them got their Voyage 4 Return'd;

China Seira	...	...	80000	These four boats proceeded their Voyage in July gott to the Fort deliverd their Wood demanded their Bills past to y^{e}. Company.
Mooted Autrall	...	...	40000	
Dogmella papah	...	...	90000	
Sedrell Gruah	...	...	70000	

M^{r}. Bennett deliverd none to them gave them a Small Receipt under his own hand for so much Rec^{d}. of them beleive the bills are wth. Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. I sent them up.

Sedrell Gruah when he proceeded on his Second Voyage wanted twenty. Rupees to pay his people I lent him the money to Deliver 10000 to gunner Atkinson having 8000[0] on board M. Benne[t] [. . .] the Wood gives the Tendall a Receipt for 80000 [. . .] ering the 10000 to the Gunner I have sent [the re]ceipt & Coppy of the Tandalls bill pay^{ble}. to y^{e}. Compa to the Gunner as yet have no Answer. I humbly crave leave

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}.
Your most Obedient Serv^{t}
PHILIP NODEN.

METCHLEPATAM
JUNE 28TH. 1711.

N°. 88

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^re.

Presid^r. for Affairs of the R^t. Hon^ble. the United English East India Compa On Coast of Chormandell & Govern^t. of fforts S^t. George & S^t. David & Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r.

We have Rec'd Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. dated the 12^th. Instant, advising that on the 10^th. Curr^t. Arrivd Ships Dartmouth, Aurenzeb, & Avarilla from England with the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^re. President Govern^r. of all the R^t. Hon^ble. English East India Comp^as. affairs on the Coast of Chormandell & Sumatra which we heartily congratulate wishing Success & Prosperity may attend him therein.

Wee duly observe that y^e. Worshipfull Robert Raworth Esq^re. is order'd Deputy Govern^r. here & M^r. Farmer Second the Remainder wee shall be advis'd off by the Deputy Govern^r. w^th. whom Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. designs to send the [four] [Europe] Ships & Warlike Stores for our Ass[istance] against Suroop Sings forces w^ch. lay Round [the bounds] and daily Alarm Us but are constantly Repell'd to their great disgrace the preperations Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. are making we beleive will very much terryfie the Enemye which shall be given in the best manner we can discourage them and w^ch. we judge the properest means to Compel them to do Us Satisfaction as for those (if any) who engag'd Us in those difficulties and left these troubles to fall on the heads of their Successors Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. may be Inform'd from the Examination of the Renters &c^a. sent the late President & Councill whereby Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. will undoubtedly perceive, we had no knowledge, much less any hand in the Contrivance of those troubles under which we Labour and to bring those differences to a happy Conclusion to Our Masters Creditt and Our Countreys Hon^r. hath all along been our Care & Utmost Study as we hope will appear answerable to what we now Assure Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a.

Cap^n. Cornwall hath Rec'd his dispatch from hence, conformable to Yo^r. Hon^rs. &c^a. Orders and we hope will speedily Arrive to Receive Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. Directions at ffort S^t. George for no French Ships are Yet Arriv'd at Pondicherry.

According to Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. Orders the Maddapollam Yatcht is order'd to be unladen and the bales to be kept till Yo^r. further Orders.

Wee perceive Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. very much disatisfied [that] no advices from Us came by the [Same Tapees that brought] M^r. Berlues &c^a. private Letters [. . . .]be excus'd seeing Wee assure Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. we thought y^e. Conveyance by the Yatcht would be expeditious enough to Inform Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. that the Enemies forces hath not yet been able to do Us any Damage, and in Complyance to Yo^r. Orders shall observe to Write Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. on the least occasions that happens as duly as Requir'd. we are

Fort. S^t. David
July 16 : 1711.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most Obedient humble Servant[s]

Rich.^d Farmer.
Rich^d. Harrison.
Ph^r. Baker.
Matt^w. Weld.
Hen : Cottrell.

P.S.

M^r. Berlue took his passage on board Ship King Ibraim.

N°. 89

To the Hon^ble^. William Fraser Esq^re^.

President & Govern^r^. for Affairs of the R^t^. Hon^ble^. United English East India Comp^a^. &c^a^. Councill in Fort S^t^. George.

Hon^ble^. S^r^.

Your most gracious Letter of the 31^st^. [. . .] favourd the 16^th^. Ins^t^. with the Sundry [. . .] [adjoind] thereto as ℔ List and having [. . .] [treasure with ...] [o]ther Goods according to Bill of Loading the S^t^. George was dispatchtd the 18^th^. Instant in the morning but blowing Stormy weather prevented her weighing Anchor till the 19^th^. about break of Day.

Its matter of the greatest Satisfaction to Us that our Indeavours in concluding Differences with Fuckerlee Cawne have so well answerd Yo^r^. Expectations but we want words to express that Joy & pleasure we conceivd on Reading Yo^r^. oblidging Lines with w^ch^. You condescend in Terms so kind & courteous to aprove and commend our management, nevertheless we beg You'll accept our most humble thanks and gratefull Acknowledgment^s^. with this full Assurance that no pains and care shall be wanting in our Hon^ble^. Masters Service as the best means to secure Yo^r^. Favours on w^ch^. for future encouragement we place our greatest dependance.

After making peace both our Merchants and we were unaccquainted w^th^. all manner of trade in the Country and Fuckerlee Cawne keeping his Camp not above two miles distance from Us, his frequent Visits and Messages Requir'd almost a Constant Attendance and till y^e^. 21^st^. last month Cunchum Lingana could not conveniently goe into the Country to provide goods for his Arrears of Last Investment and incourage the Weavers for another wherein [he has] now succeded so far as to promise and under [. . .] 3000 Pag^ds^. by September and 15000 more by [the] end of next Xber which was agreed upon in Consultation the 19^th^. Instant with Strict Injunctions on our parts that the goods answer in quality and due proportion as to the severall sorts, and for better performance of the premises and ingaging the Weavers for large Quantitys we have advanc'd to the said Cunchum Lingaga Pag^s^. 2000 w^th^. w^ch^. he and some of his partners will goe into the Country some time tomorrow furthermore Cunchum Lingana tells Us that he has Contracted a friendship w^th^. some Dacheroon Merchants and hopes from those Southern parts to bring a good quantity of Long Cloth and Sallampores but cant promise for a certainty till his friends Letters or further advices are Receiv'd He says likewise that Cotton being scarce in these parts if You please to Supply him with 20 to 30 Candy by first Conveyance twill be a great help towards enlargeing the Quantity of Course goods and whatever the Cost & Charges amount to he'll most thankfully pay for. Thus far Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^. we have concerted and agreed about our Investment which probably be larger in Reguard of the Season that is so far advanc'd and the rainy weather setting in is a great hindrance to the weavers trade but if we begin providing goods next Year about the month of February when gathering Grain [and] other Labours of the Ground cease our [Investment] Accidents Extraordinary not impeed[ing] [. . .] be at least [ad]vanced to 60000 Pag^s^. for Septem^r^. & Xber following and then we have more leisure time to Inspect the Quality of the goods and turn back what dont answer musters for better to be provided in the Room without lessning the No. of our Bales but to perform this and oblidge the Weavers to a Custom of working their Cloth better we must never want a Stock of money by which the Dutch for some Years past have had great advantages of our Merchants and after any troubles or Revolutions in the Country w^ch^. frequently happens but are soon over they can immediately Return to providing Goods never loosing their Opportunity for want of Ready money.

Wee desire You'll hasten away the needfull supply of Pag^ds^. to Compleat payment of what the Merchants have Contracted for as aforesaid and now we presume on the Liberty given to draw a bill for Rup^s^. 12100 Madrass in favour of Cap^n^. Woodville and M^r^. William Dane w^ch^. Sum M^r^. Hastings pays into the Compa^s^. Cash that was about 8000 Rup^s^. deficient by clearing M^r^. Holcombs bonds to Fuckerle Cawn and all other charges to the last of last Month.

We Return most Humble Thanks for the Factors provisions w^ch^. we never tast without a most Respectfull Remembrance of such generous benefactors with the next Supply we begg all sorts of paper and Quills &c^a^. which are very [much] wanted, We Rejoyce att the Good news from [. . .] in that Success of her Majestys Arms and [. . .] of so many of Our Mast^rs^. Ships, and shall study all ways & means to bring the Merchants to a complyance w^th^. their promise of goods in order to give what Assistance we can for Loading the Ships expected this Year.

We have in warehouse 40 bales Remaining of last Investment which if You please so to Order w^th^. what more may serve to load the Rising Sun Smack shall be sent in August or Septem^r^. Your favourable ℣ mission to M^r^. Horden is most gratefully accepted who Resolves by the first good oppertunity to wait upon You and the Employs to Mess^rs^. Cranwell & Faucett are order'd as You direct and we all promise in a right way to adhere to that good agreement which You are pleas'd to Recommend.

The troubles and distracted condition under which we have so long labour'd would not sooner ℣ mitt a Leisure time to examine our books and answer the Queries requir'd to those Paragraphs of the Hon^ble^. Comp^a^ & Accomptant Generalls Letter, to the first of which we find in our Books. (1704 the presents amo^t^. to Rup^s^. 3790 : Were given by M^r^. Holcomb to Nabob Rustumdill Cawne and it must be said that M^r^. Holcombs Pomp and Vanity by which he made himself so intimate with Nabobs, & Rajahs has been the cause of all our troubles and extraordinary Charges which now we hope to Retrench [. . . .] [a]dvantages of Peace, free trade & Large Invest[ment].

The Pag^ds^[. . .] [...] fa. 3 Ca. 4 chargd in Our Books D^r^. for Oz. 47 dwt. 14 gr. 22 of Silver wanting was by M^r^. Frewens order who when he rec'd the Plate under his Care & Charge found Oz. 14 d. 5 gr. 17 Short of Wg^t^. which not having been weighed for 7 or 8 Years before was said to be wasted and the Oz. 33 : d. 9 : g. 5 was lost upon M^r^. Frewens melting down and new fashoning all the Plate.

Notwithstanding the Ganjam Gallys demorage ceas'd the 28^th^. February last was 12 months yett we could no ways think it safe to lett her goe till after the Arrivall of the Rising Sun Smack because the Report of a new Phousdars coming from Habid Cawn was not to be trusted the Change of Govern^rs^. being so frequent in these parts and we did suppose Fuckerlee Cawne might be reinstated as it soon after happned wherefore no doubt can be made but we acted the most prudent part to detain the Galley till the Comp^a^. Smack should Arrive which was the 10^th^. of March $170\frac{9}{10}$ and then to take out the goo[ds] which were putt on board for Security & load the goods and necessarys for her Voyage to Bengall in Order to proceede to Junkceylone took up 5 Days which makes it plain that M^r^. Hastings in the 1^st^. place lost his intended Voyage from Bengall to Madrass and consequently to Junkceylone by the Gallys being drove ashoar at Balla[sore] wherefore he begs Youll rightly consider his misfortune w^ch^. he loses at least 500 Pag^s^. Our[. . .] Mer[chant] [. . .] Narrans Son & Comp^s^. stand Indebted on last Investment Pag^s^. 350 besides their great debt of many Years standing and Wee find that the favours which have been shown in hopes to make them clear by Degrees serves only to make the Debt the greater so that unless You forbid Us we Resolve to try what can be gott by Severitys.

Fuckerlee Cawn is gone to Habid Cawn about 3 Days Journey to the Southward of this place. Wee most Respectfully Subscribe

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your most Obedient humble Servant

Vizagapatam
June 22^d^. 1711.

Fra: Hastings.
Rob^t^. Cranwell.
T. ffaucett.
Rich^d^. Horden.

N°. 90

To the Hon^ble. Edw^d. Harrison Esq^re.
President & Govern^r. of Affairs of the
R^t. Hon^ble. Comp^a. at Fort S^t. George &
S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Our list was of the 16 Instant by Ship Sher[borne] w^ch. was not so full as intended because Cap^n. [Cornwall] was in very great hast to be gone as to [. . .] accepting [. . .] Mon^sr. Heberts to amuse them and to prevent our Souldiers marching into their Country that the Enemy may thereby have the better Oppertunity to encourage their Renters to manure their Ground which by their Actions seems to be their Real Intentions of their keeping near our bounds and not [any] Design of Peace as was at first gave out otherwise [surely] they would have all this while made [some] Overtures or proposalls.

No French Ships are as yet Arriv'd w^ch. being the needfull at present crave leave to Subscribe

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Yo^r. most Obedient humble servant

Richard Farmer.
Rich^d. Harrison.
Philip Baker.
Ma^w. Weld.
Hen: Cottrell.

Fort S^t. David
July 21^st. 1711.
Recd the 25^th. Instant.

N°. 93

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^re.
Presid^t. & Govern^r. of Forts S^t. George and
S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

We wrote Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. y^e. 21^st. Instant since w^n. tis Reported that the Dutch have with drawne their factory at Conimere having put what great Gunns and Souldiers they had there aboard a Dutch parr who w^th. the Cheif and Compa[n^s]. [Serv^ts.] are set sail for Nagapatam leaving their factory [in the] Charge of some peons to take Care thereof. [The] [E]nemy Continues in severall Partys round our bounds w^ch. hinders the bringing in of grain Wood provisions &c^a. but we have no had any Alarm for 3 or four Days past the french Ships are not yet Arriv'd we ar w^th. all Respects

Hon^ble. S^rs. &c^a.
Your most humble & Obedient Serv^ts.

Rich^d. Farmer.
Rich^d. Harrison.
Philip Baker.
Ma^w. Weld.

Fort S^t. David
July 24: 1711.
Rec^d. y^e. 28 D^o.

N°. 94

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^re.
Presid^t. & Govern^r. of Forts S^t. George and
S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. dated the 19 Instant we did not Receive till the 26^th. but by what occasion twas so long a coming we cannot at present find it out. We are glad to Understand that his Wors^p. Raworth w^th. the five Europe Ships are sett out for this place hoping they will meet with a good Passage.

We are Sorry that our Gener[ll]. Letter of the 16[th]. ℔ Cap[n]. Cornwall should at this Season of the Year be so long as the 20[th]. Instant before it Arriv'd as Yo[r] Hon[r]. &c[a]. advice in Yo[r]. Generall Letter there was some triviall Skirmish the Day that [Cap[n].] Cornwall saild between some Woodmen and our[. . .] the Report of so many men being kill'd was [so] [various] and uncertain that we could not give Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. an exact acco[t]. thereof We shall what lyes in our power Observe Yo[r]. Hon[rs]. &c[a]. Orders in hindr[ing] any private dispatches to be sent to ℔ticular ℔sons during these present troubles thò M[r]. Farmer assures Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. that none to his knowledge has been sent by the Compa[s]. Tapp[s]. of late as for any private ℔sons writing to Fort S[t]. George by Peons or otherwise tis not in Our power to prevent it the Dutch and French being often Assisting therein however shall duly Observe Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. Orders in writing every two days or oftner if there be Occasion for it as we hope we have hitherto done whatever advices Yo[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. may have Recd from other hands.

In the Action at Yambolam there was some plunder taken but to what amount we cannot learn as Yet there is no proposalls or prospect of an Accommodation no[r] has the Enemy appear'd for some days near our bounds to Alarm Us.

Our Ships are not Yet in Sight nor have we any Advice where they are, the French Ships are not yet Arriv'd thô daily expected we are w[th]. all Respect

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[a].
Yo[r]. most Obedient humble Serv[t].

Rich[d]. Farmer.
Rich[d]. Harrison.
Ma[w]. Weld.
Philip Baker.
Hen: Cottrell.

Fort S[t]. David
July 27 1711.
Rec'd July y[e]. 31[st]. D[o].

N°. 95

To the Hon[ble]. William Fraser Esq[re].
Presid[t]. for R[t]. Hon[ble]. Comp[ay]. Govern[r]. of
Fort S[t]. George &c[a]. Council.

Hon[ble]. S[r].

The Hon[ble]. Compa[s]. Present Laden aboard the President Cap[n]. John Freem Comm[dr]. hope is all safe Arriv'd at Bengall and deliver'd to the Hon[ble]. Presid[t]. Jo Russell Esq[re].

I have Laden on board Sen[r]. Simon Corzea De Britt Ship bound for Fort George all the Tents what more is belonging thereunto as by a List here Inclos'd Ganjee that came in the Tents occasiond the Ratts to eat some of the Tents to co att it Ganjee being all spoild.

Vizagapatam Peons Arrivd here y[e]. 4 Inst[t]. for Yo[r]. Hon[r]. in these troubles i accquainted in the way sent a peon to Accompany them to Jewelldinda then Return.

Yarbeage hath Robb'd most Towns in this Governm[t]. since carried his for against Arcancad Rob'd his Government Carrying Cattell, Moneys, Jewells, wom and Children, to Gundoare since Returnd to Gudderra & Gundoare w[th]. an intent to come against this place.

The 6[th]. Currant came peons from the Kings Camp sent by the deceasd frier of the Vauconullee the peons advice Dawd Cawne at Oringabad Sent Myde Cawne from thence to Golcondah to Govern those parts till Orders [come] from the King, When these Peons left Golcondah then came advice of Myde Cawne being two days Journey from Golcondah also Report Meerza Alley Beage was intended to deliver his governm[t]. to the Kings Buck Shaw to Retire from thence if true in few days may expect the same here.

Dutch have Order'd their Town of Pollicatt to be wall'd round sent a boat to Maddapollam with powder Shott & Gunns this Boat take in their Cloth att Pollicatt and Datcheroone Return to this place.

Zoudee Cawns Servt. Musa Beage & Auga Myna stand very firm for Yor. Honrs. &ca. Interest Meere Backeire inhabitant of yr. place formerly and now att this time continues and makes it his Interest to all in Governmt. to stop all our Affairs hinder our proceedings Running to the Governmt. Insence them against Us Musa Beage & Auga Myna oppos'd him before all the Governmt: & also fairly yr. all Merchants desir'd him to desist from medling further in these grand Affairs. Occasion to bring this to Light Vizt: One of these Jentues owed me a 100 Rupees writes a Bill delivers it to my Servt. gave me Notice Meer Backheirs Servt. formerly a boat man to Our Honble. Employers takes this Bill from my Servt: pretending he Owed ten or twelve Rupees to him Severall times I sent Demanded the Bill of him putt me off the 6 Currant going to the point I mett him desir'd him to give my Bill & I owed him nothing mony was mine and none of my Servts. before a great many people he would not deliver ye. Bill laid his hand upon his jindar drawing of it I struck him wth. my Cane made at me to stab me, myself seizing his hand and wth. Assistance of one peone held him from acting more mischeif in strugling he cut his own hand with the point of his Weapon much blood run brought him into the factorye Meer Backheeire orders his people to Come and kill me his Jindar I kept to defend me got out of the factorye this is the Real truth so accquaint Yor. Honr.

In the troubles at Vizagapatm. some of the people Run away ye. 10 Currt. Recd a Letter from one of ym. by name Thomas Cooke now serves Ramgaraz att Maddapollam he humbly entreats Yor. Honr. grant him a Pardon being Sorry for what he has done willing to submitt to Yor. Honr: Come to Fort St. George Requesting me to write Yor. Honr.

Our Troubles Remain as at first the same expect them to remain till the Kings Order comes Dutch have some Chay Goods at Yentapollam Town adjacent send a boat up the Rivers for the Cloth Commerce at present is Dead.

The 13th. Currant came Letters from Nagapatam gave Notice of 9 Ships arrivd from Batavia 5 to go for Bengall 4 to Come here Chief of this place being Orderd to Batavia on them Cheif of Saddrasspatam Order'd Chief of this Place they will send a Sloop & parr wth. a Hundred Souldiers to [keep] this place till the Kings Orders Come these 2 Ships will dispatch at the Arrivall of the Sloop & Parr.

Yarrbeages people daily demand this Town to be deliverd up gave them a Small Answer New Subdarr comes to Golcondah Kings Order come here yn. we deliver up the Town before we will not deliver having such Orders from Negapatam.

Wee have made 3 Maunds Iron into nailes are now propping the Timbers up and nailing the Plank wanting Timbers & Plank to Supply where there is great Occasion can't make it Strong to hold long taking some of ye. Horse Timbers for this Use having no other Ropes of the Standerd being Rotten shall want some Tyles for House & Godownes.

Three months agoe sent 3 Rupees to Bramine att Maddapollam to procure two Cand: new Chinam mix it wth. 2 Cand: old Chinam having the other Materialls in the Factory As Yet no Chinam writing price 4½ Rupees Cand: formerly bought for ½ Pagd: ℔ Cand: pretending Rangoruz uses all the Chinam people that make it Run to Amreucade for a Small matter more one quarter Rupee in the Candy may gett it from thence wt. is Reason he don't procure it understand not he would have greater Sum in hand I writ to him to goe to Rangoraz gett Orders for Chinam Yor. Honr. please to Send Red Earth to Varnish the Planks it will preserve for a long time Raine & Weather will not perrish ym. and White Annts have no Power on them formerly they were kept So.

Mahumud Shuja this man sent Yor. Honr. the P[er]wanna for Deu Island he was at Gundoare some time Remain'd their waiting for more Orders from the Camp.

All the Timbers that are in the Factoree I have made Use of being short however made use of them for the present none procureable a Reasonable Rates.

Here Inclose Senr. Simon Correa De Britts Receipt. for the Tents 2 parcell Rundells and 2 Trunks Nominated in the Recpt. belonging to Mr. John Meverill a List of the Eight Honble. Companys goods also I humbly crave leave

METCHLEPATAM
17TH. JULY 1711.
REC'D 31 Do.

HONBLE. SRS.
Yor. most Obedient Servt.
PHILIP NODEN.

No. 96

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQRE.
PRESIDT. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE.
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY ON THE COAST OF
CHOROMANDELL & GOVERNR. OF FORT St. GEORGE &cA.

HONBLE. SR. &cA.

Yor. Honrs. agreeable Letter of $\frac{14}{25}$ past I had the Honr. to Receive in due time wherein I was Inform'd with abundance of Satisfaction of Yor. Honrs. safe Arrivall att Yor. Port for which Communication I Return my hearty thanks with wishes for Yor. Success & prosperity and that Yor. Honr. may shortly over come the troubles You meet with we shall not fail in case we have any Notice of the appearance of any of our Enemies Ships here abot. to give Yor. Honr. the speediest Notice thereof we possibly can as You desire of Us also to deliver what Treasure and Merchandize from any of Yor. Honr. Ships in this Road that the Chief of said Ships shall desire of Us (as has sometime already hapned) into our Companys Whare-house & secure them there untill the apparent Danger shall be over.

We shall conformable to Yor. Honrs. desire take all the precaution we possibly can with the Letters Sent Us and act wth. them according to Yor. Honrs. desire the Letter left here by Yor. Honr. having opened, Read and seal'd again by Capn. of one of Yor. Honrs. Ships who passd by here last Week coming from Bombay we have sent Yor. Honr. herewith back having also deliverd to the said Capn. in Order to deliver to Yor. Honr. two Letters wrote to Capn. Goodman By Govern. Farmer Sent to Us some time since to forward to Gallee but sent back again, The said Capn. being saild But to fulfill Yor. Honrs. desire of having a pardon in favour of the two Sailers that swam from our Compas. Parr att Yor. Port and by Yor. Honrs. Goodness apprehended and Secur'd, (for which we than You) is out of our power to grant for the two aforesaid Villians wth. Six of their Companions whereof One was this Day executed & punisht wth. Death.

In 7br. last as the ship lay ready to Sail run away wth. her boat and as these two fellows besides their first desertion have as aforesaid committed a Second and so Rendred their misdeads the heavier we humbly desire Yor. Honr. to have the Goodness in Consideration hereof to deliver them safe to the Chief of Saddrass that Justice may have its due Course which such wicked Villians, Yor. Honr. will thereby Oblidge Us to like Returns of Service so Recommend Yor. Honr. to Gods protection Remain

NAGAPATAM
AUGST. 3D. 1711.

Honble. Sr.
Yor. Honrs. most faithfull
friends & humble Servants

No. 97

TO THE HONBLE. EDWARD HARRISON ESQRE.
PRESIDT: & GOVERNR. OF FORTS St. GEORGE
& St. DAVID &cA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &cA.

This Morning came to our hands Yor. Honr. &cs. of ye. 28th. Instant wherein observe that Mr. Raworth wth. the five Europe Ships where not ought (*sic*) of Sight of Fort St. George till the 29th. in the Evening they are not as yett Arriv'd wth. Us neither do we hear where they are, we have had no Sea breeze for these five or Six days and the Land Winds if as with Us have not been, very favourable for their Attaining this Port.

Upon the Arrivall of his Worsp. Raworth we shall duly accquaint him wth. Yor. Honrs. &ca. Orders for dispatching the Ships for Fort St. George.

Wee are Sorry Yor. Honr. &ca. should think Us backward in accquainting You wth. any Transaction of note Relating to our frequent Skirmishes wth. the Enemy wch. may be Judg'd worthy of Yor. Honrs. &ca. knowledge tis true on the 17th. one of our partys had a Skirmish on the Hills with Aukle Naigues people when a peon of Chitte Naigues an Assistant to Us was killd in the Action and two of our peons wounded, our people say the Enemy Rec'd much more damage having Repulsed them without the loss of any of ours we thought it needless to trouble Yor. Honr. &ca. with an uncertain Acco. of so usuall and inconsiderable an Action the truth of which being Seldom known till long after made us unwilling to trouble Yor. Honr. &ca. with Uncertainties.

On the 28th. Instant one of our partys lay in Ambush att the Edge of our bounds near the Hills Surprized two of the Enemys peons and as they were making their escape One of our Searjants wounded one of them in the thigh at the Jaine some of Chela Naigues peons Running after him overtook him & Cut off his head.

This Day the Depy. Governr. read in Consultation a Letter from Monr. Hebert Signifying the Endeavours he made to accommodate Differences between Suroop Sing & Us desiring his Worship to let him know what proposalls he should make towards a Mediation and desir'd a Speedy Answer upon which twas Order'd that Copy of said Monsr. Heberts Letter be transmitted Yor. Honr. &ca. for Yor. advice & directions for our proceeding in this Affair wch. we humbly crave & is conformable to wt. Yor. Honr. &ca. promisd in Yors. of the 13th. Instant but as Yet not Recd.

There is no french Ships Arriv'd nor nothing more that we can think of materiall at present to Accqt. Yor. Honr. &ca. wth. than that we are

Fort St. David
July ye. 31st. 1711.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yor. most Obedient humble Servts.

Recd. ye. 3d. Augst. 1711.

Richd. Farmer.
Richd. Harrison.
Ph: Baker.
Maw. Weld.

No. 98

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqre.
Presid & Governr. of Forts St. George
and St. David &ca. Councill.

Honble. Srs. &ca.

Wee wrote Yor. Honr. &ca. of the 30th. Instant Accompanying Monsr. Heberts Lettr. to Mr. Farmer concerning the Demands of the Enemy since wch. there has happened no Action between ym. and Us nor any alarm through their appearance only most of their forces is Reported to be gone to Waldore because they suspect that our forces by the five Europe Ships have a design of Landing at Bomypollam and to take Waldore Fort we have had here for many days past Land Winds without any Sea breeze before this day wch. has hindred the Arrivall of the five Europe Ships nor have we any advice where they are but if the Wind continues Easterly as to Day we may Suddenly hope of their Arrivall at this place. As yet there are no frenchs Ships arriv'd but daily expected. we are with all Respect

Fort St. David
Augst. pmo. 1711.
Augst. 1711.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Your most Obedient Humble Servt[s].

Richard Farmer.
Richard Harrison.
Pp: Baker.
Maw. Weld.
Hen: Cottrell.

N°. 99

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^re,
Presid^t. & Govern^r. of Forts S^t. Davi[d]
S^t. David (*sic*) &c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. S^rs. &c^a.

The Letters that we forwarded to Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. by the Tappys two days past Returnd by the first Juncan place of the Enemys calld Avarsheerwack w^ch. is between this place and Pullecherry, having advices as the Peons affirm'd that the Moores were Resolv'd to Stop all Advices by Tappys as well as otherwise but at the same time a boat going to Pondicherry we sent s^d. Peons & Lett^rs. by said Conveyance which hope is come safe to Yo^r. Hon^rs. Reception. About two days agoe a Bengall Topass Soldier that was left here by M^r. March and Cap^n. Hunt being posted at the Outguard made his escape in the Night to the Moors but for what Reason we cannot imagine the Officers affirming he has nothing but civill treatment from y^m. The Night before last night one Tho^s. Key a Corpe^rll. being in Liquor mistaking the Arrack house in Tevenapatam and coming to another house that was near it demanded some Arrack there but the Master of the house telling him he did not sell any they said he cut him w^th. his Sword on the head and other parts and thinking that he had kill'd the man as he suppos'd he also in the night made his escape to the Enemys Camp where both he and the Toppaz in a very little time will be weary of their Chingee Service. The five Europe Ships are not yet in Sight nor do we hear certaine where they are but are in daily expectation of their Arrivall the French Ships are not Yet Arriv'd at Pondicherry the Enemys foot appear'd very numerous upon the Hills near Tripopolore to-day without any Action or Alarm nor have we had any for some days. We are with all Respect

Fort S^t. David
Aug^st 3^d. 1711.
Recd. 6^th. D°.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your most humble Obed^t. Serv^t.

Richard Farmer.
Rich^d. Harrison.
Ph^r. Baker.
Hen: Cottrell.

N°. 100

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison Esq^re.
Presid^t. & Govern^r. of Forts S^t. George
and S^t. David &c^a. Council.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. Gen^ll. Letter of the 28^th. ins^t. we answerd the 30^th. Ultim°. since w^ch. have rec'd Duplicate of Yo^r. Hon^rs. dated the 28^th. past and hopes there needed no other answer thereto Supposing ours of the 30^th. past is come safe to Yo^r. hands we wrote Yo^r. Hon^r. &c^a. y^e. 3^d. Instant but forced to Send y^m. by Sea Conveyance to Pondicherry by the Reason of the Moors stopping our Tappe peons.

On the 5^th. Instant in the morning our out Guards at Tripopolore had a Skirmish under the Hills again in w^ch. Action the Enemy was defeated without the Loss of any of our Side we had a Lascar Rec'd a Slight wound in his head by a Dead Shott as he was loading a Cochorne mortar its Affirmd that four of the Enemy was killd on the Spott and tis with Reason beleivd theres Severall more dead and wounded in the Woods for on our peoples approaching to their Brest Works (where we Seiz'd sever^ll. Potts of the Enemys Powder) found the place very Bloody on the 4^th. Ins^t. the Enemys Horse and a few foot appear'd to the Northw^d. of Our bounds but upon the Advancing of our peons they immediatly Retird without any Action of Note.

We are in daily Expectation of the Arrivall of our Ships having unde[r]stood by severall peons & passengers that they have been for these 2 or 3 Days past to So^d. of

Sadrass we have had for 3 or four Days fair Sea Breezes and a Dutch Sloop arriv'd Yesterday that Reports she left them about 10 Days past to the So^{d}. of Madrass the French Ships are not Yet Arriv'd we are wth. all due Respects

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
AUGST. 6 : 1711.
REC'D THE 10TH. D^{o}.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Yo^{r}. most Obedient Humble Serv^{t}.
RICHARD FARMER.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILIP BAKER.
MA^{W}. WELD.
HEN : COTTRELL.

N^{o}. 101

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{RE}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORTS S^{T}. GEORGE
& S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Wee wrote Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. the 6th. instant wherein we advis'd of the late Skirmish we had und^{r}. the Hill since which there has nothing of moment hapned nor any alarme though they were last night Continually firing near our bounds.

Last night Rec'd the Welcome News from Govern^{r}. Hebert of our Europe Ships being seen off of Pondichery so that now we hourly expect them to appear in Sight.

He likewise informd Us that the two diserters (*sic*) we advisd Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of the 3^{d}. Instant was come to Pondicherry and that he had secur'd them they being willing to Return wth. a pardon w^{ch}. was last night forwarded them. We are with all Due Respect

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
AUGST. 8TH. 1711.
REC^{D}. THE 11.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Yo^{r}. most humble Serv^{ts}.

RICHARD FARMER.
RICH^{D}. HARRISON.
PHILIP BAKER.
MA^{W}. WELD.

P.S.

Since our writing the foregoing our Europe Ships appear in Sight.

N^{o}. 102

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{RE}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
&C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

In the last Generall Letter from hence of y^{e}. 8th. Instant Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. were accquainted that Yo^{r}. five Europe Ships design'd hither were off Pondicherry soon after w^{ch}. we had a Sight of them from hence but twas the 10th. in the Evening before they could fetch into the Road the next morning about 8 a Clock Yo^{r}. Deputy Govern^{r}. landed to whom in Conformity to Yo^{r}. Orders M^{r}. Farmer resign'd the Keys of the Garrison and he hope he shall be so happy to demean himself so in his Station as to meritt the continuance of the Hon^{ble}. Compan^{y}. & Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. favours.

Wee are very much concern'd the lateness of the Season oblidges Us so soon to dispatch the Ships to You whose Countenance would undoubtedly aw [e] the Enemy however we hope by Publishing they are only Returnd in Order to fetch more Supplys will have the same if not a better effect on 'em they continue very easie in their Stations without any Attempts on our bounds only to Alarm Us Sometimes appear in Small Partys but always withdraw without Action.

Yo^{r}. Orders Relating to a Cessation of Arms shall be punctually Obey'd whenever such a thing is offerd, thô since our last Advices, We have heard nothing from M^{r}. Hebert in Relation to his mediation, or any negotiation between him and Suroop Sing concerning the present unhappy War Your three Letters of the 3^{d}. 4th. & 6th. Instant came from Pondicherry Altogather but wether thrô the slothfullness of the Peons of M^{r}. Heberts detainging (*sic*) we can't Yet Learn The Chief peon has been severely Repremanded for placing fellows on the Road who won't make quicker dispatch and now he promises they shall perform their Journey in two Days. In our next we will Send You a particular Acco^{t}. of their Stages and w^{t}. expence they put the Company too in a Year.

Wee forewith (*sic*) unloaded all the Garrison Stores & Treasure and before Night all the bales were on board, Bill of Loading & Invoyce for w^{ch}. is enclosd Amo^{t}. to Pag^{s}. 5859: 5: 3.

This Day has been chiefly taken up to Wood & Water the Ships which the unexpected Length. of their Passage put y^{m}. in very great need of however we hope they have Rec'd as speedy a Dispatch as Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. expects.

M^{r}. Farmer has desird Us to accquaint Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that he is very much Surpriz'd M^{r}. Hebert should hint such a thing to you as that he Offer'd 10000 Pag^{s}. for an Accomadation he declares he was so far from making such a proposall that it never enter'd his thoughts the truth of w^{ch}. he will Assert if Requird in as Solemn a manner as can be Requir'd.

Pursuant to Yo^{r}. Order we have this Day accquainted Captain Davis You have gratify'd his Request and have given him permission to take his passage on any of these Ships or what Conveyance he thinks Convenient M^{r}. Turner desir'd our Permission to goe to Madrass in Order to Recover his health and he takes his passage on the Dartmouth.

Our earnest Desire to Return these Ships speedily to you Induces Us to Request You'll be pleasd to excuse our giving an immediate Answer to Yo^{rs}. of the 16th. Instant. We will sett very earnestly to Examination of the Severall ℔ticulars as soon as they are gone and hope to be able to give You a Satisfactory Answer to every one of them and M^{r}. Farmer Assures Us he won't fail to Speake as plainly of M^{r}. Roberts before Our Boards as he has done in private Letters to the Late Govern^{r}.

We will constantly keep the Tappys Employ'd which we hope will excuse the Omissions of this. The Earnest desire we have to Obey Yo^{r}. Comm^{ds}. wont permitt Us to Enlarge further. We are wth. all Respects

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
AUGST. THE 11TH. 1711.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}.
Yo^{r}. Obedient humble Serv^{t}.
R: RAWORTH.
RI: FARMER.
JN^{o}. BERLU.
RICH: HARRISON.
P. BAKER.
MA^{W}. WELD.
HEN: COTTRELL.

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N^{o}. 103.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}. PRESID^{T}.
AND GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.

After one of the most tedious Passages that ever was heard of between Fort S^{t}. George and this place we got Sight of it the 9th. at Noon but even then the Winds prov'd so very unkind that we did not meet a Sea breeze to bring Us into the Road till about eight in the evening at which time we Anchor'd and early the next morning I Landed wth. the Soldiers attended by all the boats belonging to the Fleet at the

same time firing to make the most noise and best appearance we could that the Enemy might Really beleive we brought as great a Number of Forces as twas Reported Wee have on board.

When I consider how little time I have been Ashoar and the Hurry which always Attends the first day, I hope Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will excuse my not laying before you a State of the Hon^{ble}. Compa^{s}. Affairs in this place but assure You wth. all the Expedition Imaginable, You shall have an answer to Yo^{r}. Generall of the 6th. Instant which arriv'd not till yesterday Noon from Pondicherry togather wth. two of the 3^{d}. & fourth.

I have already discours'd the Merchants about an Investment who seem very inclineable to Undertake it and hope in a Short time to accquaint Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that tis Concluded which I shall strenuously endeavour to Effect as much to Yo^{r}. Satisfaction as possible.

The Enemy continue Gazing at Us without Action and only sometimes app[eard] in Small Partys at the Edge of our bounds and they Retreat the 9th. in the Evening they came so near that one of the Centrys fired at them and last night a Party of Horse came out of their Camp as far as Ackata Majaes Wood and Return'd immediately to it again. I will be sure to [prevent] the Effusion of Blood if possible and endeavour to bring matters to an Honourable Conclusion thô they are gr[eat &] so Insolent now as to stop all manner of Provisions which if they continue to doe I am afraid we must be Oblidgd sometimes to send a Party without our Boun[d s.]

All the Bales are on board the Ships and everything [act] in a few hours more the Cap^{n}. will have got what necess[ary] they want when I will immediately give them their [dis]patches and hope they will be with Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}: &c^{a}. before which I send by way of Pondicherry to be deliverd our Tappys there.

I will be sure to give Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. daily advices [of] Materiall Occurrences and in every Respect endea [vour] to approve my Self.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
AUGUST THE 11TH. 1711.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Yo^{r}. most Obedient Humble Serv^{t}.
R. RAWORTH.

N^{o}. 104.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{RE}.

PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

The Enemy appearing last night within our bounds and firing from the Ruins one of our Villages to the N^{o}: Ward which had been demolished the begining these troubles we Orderd Cap^{n}. Roach they being gone to demolish the Mudd Wa this Morning for fear of further Inconveniency when to our great Surprize Mahut Cawne about twelve a Clock fell upon them with all the forces of Chingee.

They defended themselves very well till Somerville who was along wth. Coven first run away after which all the Party (Captain Coventry himself and a Serje excepted) follow'd his Example. This Success gave them such encouragement t they immediately Attackqued Cap^{n}. Roach's Division but not with y^{e}. Same success thô his Horse was Shott thrô the Body under him.

By Report we have about 12 Blacks and Whites killd and as many wounded but we hope none desperatly, of the Enemy we suppose about 200 to be killd beside wounded two horses are brought in by the Peons and our people say there was about fifty or Sixty seen without Riders. His Army has all this Day been divided into three Partys by w^{ch}. wee Imagine they design to Attackque the bounds in sever^{ll}. places. All due care shall be Taken tho' our Bounds are large and Our Numbers Small.

Among the slain Sommerville and Coventry fell the latter very bravely and the first the most like a Scoundrell that ever was heard of and had it not been for him

this Day had been Crowned w^th^. as good Success as ever. Notwithstanding they were forced to leave the Bounds and our Party which after Sommervill run away did not consist of forty men were left Masters of the Feild, this is the Acco^t^: our Spys bring Us which wee impart to You immediately and shall send You the Particulars as soon as wee hear from Cap^t^. Roach.

FORT S^T^: DAVID
AUGUST 17: 1711.
RECED THE 19^TH^.

We are
Hon^ble^. S^rs^. &c^a^.
Your most Obedient Humble Serv^ts^.

ROB^T^: RAWORTH.
RICH^D^. FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLUE.
PH^P^. BAKER.
HEN: COTTRELL.

N^o^. 105

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Inclosed in Cap^t^. Roaches Narrative of Yesterdayes Action in which we came of far beyond Expectation and had the Enemy been men of the least Resolution it was impossible one man could have escapt they were stronger by 150 horse & 500 Foot than ever before and whether more intoxicated or really more Couragious than in former engagements I dont know but some of the Horse were so bold as to Charge to the very Bagenetts of Cap^t^. Roaches division w^th^. their Lances and wounded some of his men but it cost them so very Dear that they soon after left the feild and Mohabut Cawns horse as tis said was seen without a Rider.

All the Misfortune is to be Attributed to Sommewill who was killed as he fled without making the least Resistance and few have suffered besides those fellows that followed his Example w^ch^. I should not much repine at were it not stain upon us and hearning [*sic*] to wee found his Body Headless as likewise 3 more Europeans w^ch^: wee supposed to be Carryed as Tropheis to Chingee they likewise Carried of Cap^t^. Roaches Palakeen the Horse that Cap^t^. Coventry rode & Chest of Ammunition and Coventry's body was found much mangled. Just as this Accident hapned the 3 accompanying persons came from Chingee by w^ch^. the Sincerity of them may be Observ'd when ever wee do enter into a treaty with them, I find it must be w^th^. Sword in hand & after tis concluded they must never in my Opinion be trusted as Friends.

The kill'd & wounded am^t^. to much the same Number as last advis'd but hope the latter will all do well. D^or^. Jolley complains mightily for want of Assistance and beggs Youll be pleas'd to Order him a case of Instruments w^ch^. to my great Surprize I found he wanted Yesterday when the men were brought in.

I am Sorry to send Yo^r^. Hon^r^. [&c^a^.] this Malancholy acco^t^. when I was just Ready to send You better news.

I assure You I will be as active and Vigilant as possible to prevent their designs thô there's not at present one Peon or Dubash or Spy can be depended on thô y^e^. Enemy on the contrary have Advices of every transaction here w^ch^. I have been sure since my Arrivall endeavouring to Remedy & hope shall be able to effect. Most of the Councill are at Cuddalore for w^ch^. reason I send this without their Signing that You may be the more speedily Inform'd of Our Circumstances.
I am

FORT S^T^. DAVID
AUG^ST^. 18: 1711.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your Obedient humble Serv^t^.

R^T^. RAWORTH.

N°. 106

A TRUE NARRATIVE OF AN ACTION THAT HAPNED BETWEEN CAP^N. ROACHES PARTY AND OUR ENEMIES THIS DAY BEING THE 17^TH AUGUST 1711.

I was Orderd'd to possess my Self of a part of the bounds where the Enemie were seen to be firing very briskly from last Night, which I did this Morning by break of Day. I order'd about 200 Peons that belong'd to the Outguards to attend Me, the Cooleys began to work abo^t. the demolishing the Walls by six in the Morning and continued till twelve at Noon but could not hear of any of the Enemys to be near our bounds only a few Peons about a Mile off but about twelve a Clock Intelligence was brought that Maubut Cawne with all the force of Gingee was within a Mile of our bounds upon which I dispatcht a Peon immediately to the Governour & Councill who was not Arriv'd in Two hours in the Interim before I had any Releif from the rest of the bounds they Attackqu'd me w^th. about 400 horse and 1000^d. foot it was a great misfortune to Me their Attacking the Party Cap^n Coventry had the Command of and Ensign Sommervill the latter prov'd such a Coward that he was the Occasion of the ruin of that Party in shewing them an Example by running away first which cost him his Life and abundance more of y^e. same party but I must doe Cap^n. Coventry that Justice that he behav'd himself extraordinary well and would have made a very good Souldier if pleas'd God he had Liv'd he receiv'd severall wounds before he dropt. I had my horse shott under me and was charged severall times by y^e. whole body of Horse upon both flasks (*sic*) and Rear and kept them in play till they were glad to leave Me Master of the field w^th. less than 40 Men there was not one of the 200 Peons I carried with Me would stand neither Officers nor peon but w^n. the Horse charg'd me they presently run away if they had but stood by me I would have mounted as many horses of the Enemys as would have made a good Troop for the Company for there was not less than Seaventy or Eighty of them running about the feild without Riders their Masters being dismounted. We compute that the Enemy could lose not less than 140 or 150 Men killd & wounded besides horses and Two sent unto the Fort. I have buryed the Dead all in the Feild of Battle Excepting Cap^n. Coventry and Sommerville I sent to the Fort I'll leave any Impartiall Person to Judge what the Loss of the Enemy must be when they were at push of the Pike for two hours togather and apply'd them with our Bulletts and Swan Shott as fast as possible we Could.

This is the True Narrative of w^t. hapned in this Action.

N°. 107.

TO THE HON^BLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^RE.
PRESID^T. & GOVERN^R. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^T. HON^BLE. UNITED ENGLISH EAST
INDIA COMP^A. &C^A. COUNCILL IN
FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

Our last was dated the 23^d. last Mo^h. Since which we have not been favour'd with any from You.

Fuckerlee Cawn is imprison'd and his money and Goods seizd upon by Nabob Habid Cawne for reasons not yet truly known some report it to be the Kings Comand and others that these Country Rajahs have upon that condition promisd Habib Cawn a Vast Sum of money who is come within a Days Journey of this place to require their ℔sonall appearance and Complyance to both which we dont as Yet find y^m. well inclin'd and we beleive the Nabob for want of Fuckerlee Cawns Interest will labour under great Difficulties, We must expect a Trouble-some, Chargeable Visitt but how soon uncertain in the mean time have sent the Mollah our Vakeel to wait upon him, who writes that he told him at first Audience, Fuckerle Cawne was a prisoner for the wrongs & Injurys done Us by which false ℔tension we may Understand his Demands will be Extravagant.

Cunchum Lingana is Industriously buying and providing Goods in the Country and by what already sent & coming he has made good the Arrears of last Investment wth. the 2000d. Pags. advanced last month and in few days we expect his return wth. more goods & see no Reason to doubt a Punctuall Performance of his Contract.

Wee have passd Bills on Yor. Honr. &ca. for Rups. 7700 Vizt. To Mr. Hastings 5000 payable to Mr. Raworth, To Mr. Horden 1200 payable to Mr. Bennett & to Captain Wathen 1500 payable to Mr. Glover.

Ship Raworth carried away 99 Baggs of Rice to Bengall, the Vessell we sent to Bimlepatam not being able to take in more than 264 Baggs and the Invoyce mentions 363.

Herewith comes Consultations & Diarys to the last of last month and Paymasters Accots. to the last of May and in a Month more we hope to have finish'd our Generll. Books.

Wee most Respectfully Subscribe

VIZAGAPATAM
JULY 24TH. 1711.

Honble. Sr.
Your most Obedient humble Servt.
FRA : HASTINGS.
ROBT. CRANWELL.
T. FAUCETT.
RICHD. [HORDEN].

N°. 108

TO THE HONBLE. WILLIAM FRASER ESQRE.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNR. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE.
UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &CA. COUNCILL
IN FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Upon dispatching our Letter of the 24th. Instant we were surprized with the suddain Approach of Nabob Habib Cawne who came with his army to our Mangoe Garden the 25th. where the Chief made him a Visit and was promis'd Perwannas or Grants for the Compas. Grants & Priviledges but to Obtain ym. we were Obligd to Agree about a Present to the Nabob, for wch. his first demands were extravagant. Yet after many disputes that Affair was Adjusted for the Amot. of Pags. 269 in Broad Cloth, Perpetuanoes, Silks Velvets &ca. wch. we doubt not You'll approve of as we think it the least Sum was ever given in this place to so great a Man.

The Nabob expecting that Annumturaz an Other Rajahs should wait upon him here his proceeding to Chickakul may be deferr'd for a Week or 10 Days longer. We most Respectfully Subscribe

VIZAGAPATAM
JULY 29 1711.

Hon . S . &ca.
Your most Obedient humble Servt.
FRANS. HASTINGS.
ROBT. CRANWELL.
T. FAUCETT.
RICD. HORDEN.

N°. 109

HONBLE. SR.

I Answer Yor. Honrs. Letter of ye. 20th. past wth. abundance of thanks for the Continuation of Yor. friendship of which You are pleas'd to give me new Tokens. I Rec'd also Honble. Sr. with all manner of Acknowledgment the Offers You are pleasd to make of serving me, Your Honr. will always find me entirely Devoted in acting any thing that may be for Yor. Service of which I desire You'll be perswaded.

As for the Merchant Ande Chitte Tonipa that Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. has recommended to Me to furnish our Royall Company with red wood I wish I could give Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. the Satisfaction you desire but as we are sufficiently Provided therewth. for this Year I cannot engage my Self to take the Parcell he Offers at Present but w^{n}. we have Occasion for y^{e}. future I will remember Yo^{r}. Recommendation if Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. receives any news of the Situation of Publick Affairs overland I desire You would lett me participate of them as also to give my humble Service to M^{r}. Commissary if he be yet at Madrass I am wth. all respect &c^{a}.

TRINCOMBAR
JULY 26TH.: 1711 N.S.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}.
Y^{r}. Ob^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{t}.
J. HASHUST.

N^{o}. 110

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{RE}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE & S^{T}. DAVID C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Having now strictly perus'd Yo^{r}. Generall Letter of the 6th. Instant and procur'd the Necessary Informations to capacitate Us to give You a full answer to it We shall now in as concise and plain Terms as possible give You compleate Satisfaction in every perticular and take them as they are rang'd in Yo^{r}. Letter.

That Your Merchants pay less Custome and Dustore y^{n}. Ours is a most undoubted Truth which You may perceive by comparing their Acco^{ts}. wth. Ours wherein Youll find our Merchants are chargd 2½ ℔ Cent Custom and one Dustore whereas Yo^{rs}. are charged no more than 1¼. This was ever urg'd by them not only as a reason for not Contracting at the usuall prizes but the Prices of Fort S^{t}. George w^{n}. the Merchants have so much the Advantage of them and that makes it so very troublesome to bring them to Terms, Their Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. is always debted for it so most undisputably tis a real not Notionall advantage to the Company and as it will be much for their Interest which they very much regard theyre is no Dispute they'll be better pleasd if left out but as long as we can procure them to make an Investment without that Abatement and Oblidge them to keep their Cloth up to Muster, wee dont Suppose Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will think convenient to Oblige them at that Expence. This is matter of Facter as to the Custome & Dustore we can't learn they ever paid 5 ℔ Cent Custome on the Goods they brought in on the Companys Acco^{t}. thô they allways do on what they Import on their own unless M^{r}. Roberts exacted so much from them w^{ch}. they won't owne to Us so that Allegation we beleive to be Groundless.

They have ever likewise Complaind that they had no Broad Cloth to make Advantages by as at Maddrass and certainly if they had it would qualifie them to make an Abatement so consequently a mixture of it would be an Advantage to Our Investment. They desire no more than in proportion to y^{e}. Sum they Invest wth. Yo^{r}. Merchants w^{ch}. we really beleive would make them perform their Contract very chearfully but whether it wont be a greater prejudice to the Compa^{s}. Interest should their having a Share so far disgust Colloway & Vincattee that they would not take the remainder at the Usuall Prizes Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. are the properest Judges; We have put it to them in case such an Accident should happen wether they would take off the whole quantity that comes out in a Year w^{ch}. they readily promise they will but as we don't know their Circumstances well enough to be Security for their performance Wee wont press Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. to a thing of that Nature for fear of ill Consequences.

Wee have represented to them likewise the badness of their Cloth compar'd wth. that of Madrass and told them Your Merchants for that Reason deserve greater Incouragement but they will by no means allow it and desire for experience that a Piece of every sort of Your Cloth may be sent them down for a Muster which if theirs don't come up to they will most readily submitt to Yo^{r}. Censure so that they fling that fault entirely upon the Sorters who most of them at the Present are of the Councill here. They hope Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will beleive they have to y^{e}. best of their

Judgments discharged that trust and that if the Cloth hath not answer'd Expectation in Europe they shan't be censur'd as persons who willingly have committed that Error and they do so far agree w^th^. the Merchants that the Cloth w^n^. Brown is as good as that at Fort S^t^. George and that tis the Washers only who cause the difference and desire as a Confirmation of what they urge You'll be pleas'd to make a Tryall and dont doubt that then You'll be sensible of the truth of what they say we all Assure You for the future to be very carefull and diligent in our Sortments and to avoid such Errors will keep strictly up to Our Musters and hope to retreive thereby not only our Own but the Creditt of our Merchants and their Cloth in the Opinion of Y^r^. Hon^ble^. Com[y.] and Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^.

M^r^. Cottrell has been accquainted what Quantity of Cloth is charg'd to him by the Comittee of wharehouse and says for himself that as to the first Charge of his Note 80 and the bale contained no more than 60 peices he must if insisted on make it good but possitively Averrs he never embal'd a Bale of white Salampores in his Life but what he counted 80 p^s^. into and thinks it very hard after passing through the Warehouses where all Bales are liable to be open'd he should be answerable to that Charge as to the rest of the Bales that were Ticketted by him and found Deifficient he says the Error could arise no otherways than from sending our Brown Cloth to Maddrass to be washt after sorted here when its Customary to pa[ck] no more than 60 pieces in a Bale after which tis repackt again and the same note put in again that the Sorter may be responsible for the goodness of it and he supposes the person who drew the Invoyce being accustom'd to put 80 pieces of White in a Bale might do so by these Eleven when it should contain but 60 however he will abide by his Ticketts and thô the Invoyce does mention 80 if no more than 60, is Expressd in them he hopes he shant be responsible for so great a difficiency as 240 Pieces. This Error according to Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Order shall be rectified in our Books and now we are writing to You about the Merchants we think it falls in our way to Answer the 89, 90, 91 & 92^d^. Paragraph of our Hon^ble^. Masters Letter to Fort S^t^. George.

M^r^. Roberts had always the discoursing the Merchants alone before a Contract was concluded on but that is a Custom usually practis'd and any One but a Person of M^r^. Roberts Character might be trusted in private with them for wee all very well know from our own Experience they wont corclude an Affair of such Importance atonce w^th^. a Community of men but he had so Sullied his Character as Youll see in the conclusion of this Letter that the Person who Informd the Company may be excus'd for suspecting him to be then Contriving something beneficiall to himself thô hurtfull to his Employers.

The same may be said about paying the Merchants privately and not in Consultation M^r^. Raworth has had the Hon^r^. to sett at Yo^r^. Board for some Years, but never remembers such a thing practis'd and surely it would exasperate a Man of Hon^r^. and One whom the Company entrusts with so great a Charge as the Governm^t^. of a Garrison to have his Integrity Question'd by any one of the Members to that degree that he could not pay a Sum of money out according to order of Councill but there must be Evidence he committs no wrong but M^r^. Roberts case was quite different he really deserv'd to be questiond and that to be sure made him bear it so easily and M^r^. Baker says he Informd the Company of this ℔ticular on M^r^. Bridges telling him once when 10000^d^. Pag^s^. was Orderd the Merchants that he stopt five of it on acco^t^. of M^r^. Roberts but for what Reason he dont know, Wee who then were on the Spot do really think Consultations where as often held as there was Buisness for any however to avoid such Aspersions for the future the Dep^y^. Govern^r^. promises Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. that there never shall be cause for such Complaints against him nor will he ever pay out any Considerable Sum but in the presence of the Councill that he may if possible live free from such Clandestine Wounds as these.

M^r^. Cottrell who was under the Warehouse keeper in those Days does Confirm the truth of that Assertion that M^r^. Roberts would not permitt him to put a Mark on the turnd out Cloth for what end he does not know but tis very probable it might be with a Design to have it impos'd on the Sorters a Second time but the Gentlemen who Officiated as such then cant beleive their Judgment so very bad that it could take Effect, and M^r^. Baker has read to Us the Paragraph of his Letter on that Occasion wherein he does not say tis frequently brought in and rec'd but that if no mark is put out tis probable it may and thinks the Penman of y^e^. 91^st^. Paragraph has done him Injustice by making an Imperfect Quotation.

It was in the Year 1709 that y^e^. Hon^ble^. Company were Indebted to the Merchants about Thirty Thousand Pag^ds^. and the Ships not arriving seasonably made them very uneasie for their money. The cheif reason was, as we suppose because they were not allow'd Interest. This M^r^. Roberts perceiving took an Oppertunity to improve their Disatisfaction by Insinuating to them that the Debt was now desperate that the Company were broke and that was the Reason no Ships were come abroad at the Usuall Season. The fatal Story of Metchlepatam made the fellows very uneasie and they would frequently be asking his Advice what Methods to take who at least told them (to be sure after making their Story as dismall as possible) that notwithstanding the Low Condition of his Masters, if they would make a Considerable Abatement he would purchase their Bonds of them they who were mighty apprehensive of Loosing all gladly Imbrac'd the Offer and immediatly Sold them him at 11 ℔Cent Disco^t^. when as we understood but little before he made his Application to Fort S^t^. George for Interest from the time they had Complyed with their Contract w^ch^. with difficulty was at last allow'd so that he really gott by that Bergain about the Sum express'd in the 92^d^. Paragraph this is what the Merchants have declared before Us and what we who were then here know to be true So that M^r^. Roberts has really been guilty of such flagrant Instances of Dishonesty as ought severely to be Resented which Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. best knows in what manner to doe and we Assure You we shall for the future take care that no such unwarrantable Methods are practiz'd.

This we hope will give Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Satisfaction in all respects to the severall Questions You have put to Us relating to Our Sorters, Merchants & Cloth we shall now give You as Clear an Insight as possibly We can into the Defects of our Fortifications &c^a^.

Wee design as soon as one can be made to Send You a Draught of Yo^r^. Boundin Generall of the Fort and Cuddalore in particular without which twill be Impossis ble to represent to You the Defficiencys of the present Buildings and what is necessary to be added for the Fortifications of them and their dependicys (*sic*) which we are afraid we shant be able to Effect time enough to goe home by Boverie our Gunner is hard at Work about it and we dont doubt but to Send it You time enough to goe home by the Hallifax with the remarks of a Man very well vers'd in Fortification on them we will only tell You at present that there are abundance of Absolutely necessary Additions to be made to qualifie Us to Defend our Bounds against an Enemy Verst in the Art of War. They are better than 2 & ½ Miles in breadth and about thirteen in Circumference and Yet not one Outworke more than half a Mile from the Fort to Secure our men Thô wee have 3 Large Towns besides Villages belonging to Us at which thô the Flower of the Garrison is kept the Inhabitants are so timorous that tis with Difficulty they are kept in their houses and they consist of our most usefull people Painters Washers and Weavours.

Cuddalore is possest with our most Substantiall Inhabitants and in reality is our Market Towne and Yet is not above two thirds walld in tis true three fourths of it may said to be Inclosd but great part of it is with the Old Wall which is so very Defective that a Shower of Rain will make large Breaches in it, and wee really beleive a Man of little [more] than ordinary strength might without Difficulty shou[lder] down. If you design to preserve the Town most undoubtedly its absolutely necessary you Carry on that peice of work without w^ch^. y^e^. works w^ch^. are already built may one time or other be rendered useless. M^r^. Roberts had an Order to Continue it, but cant find he had any to Neglect it nor can wee find a true reason why he did M^r^. Harrison is the ℔'son remaining as Acted as Paymaster in those Dayes who say's he was forc't to Continue it for want of Money w^ch^. was given him but very sparingly when the Company were in Cash and at other times it was really so l[ong] for want of Supplys from Fort S^t^. George that the Souldiers and Servants have been 3 Months in Arrears. It was so very Peaceable times then that wee cant be of Opinion the Neglect of that peice of work drove People out or prevented others from Comeing into the Town, and since we must be Obliged to [speak] our minds wee really apprehend 'twas fear of being [Plunder'd] by M^r^. Roberts than any Enemy that kept those [ou . . .] were designed to come in, and drove those away who w[ere] Settled there.

Wee have Surveyed M^r^. Hayns's house [and] Old Factory both w^ch^. are incapable of repair and must [be] Demolish't w^ch^. wee beleive those rains will save You [yearly] of Doing, why they were so long Neglected wee cant [. . .] tell but find the Condition of them was often represe[nted to] Madrass from whence there never

came an [order about]. There is not a room now in Cuddalore fitt for a [Comp^{as}.] Servant to Lodge in and those Gentlemen whose [station] Oblige them to reside there, are forc't either to live[there] of their own or rent others which is a heavy Char[ge] to them, and wee beleive with the Ruins of these two Houses together with the Amount of wth. the Old Factory Ground will sell for and three Thousand Pag^{ds}. wee may Build a handsome Factory. Wee Beleive it may be done for much less, but are not willing to procure your Permision to Commence such a peice of work on such terms M^{r}. Roberts did the Garden from Gov^{r}. Pitt and Councill.

The Fortifications w^{ch}. are built are in tollerable repair but the Curtain of at least one third of the Fort is not above half finish't and some of the old Buildings within, resemble very much the ruins of S^{t}. Thoma. Wee hope y^{e}. Hon^{ble}. Company have no thoughts of slighting it, if they have not will certainly be very much for their Credit to repair the Defects w^{ch}. without a Draft wee cant possibly represent to You, and tis as Impossible for us now M^{r}. Roberts is gone, to lett You know why they were Neglected for none of y^{e}. Gentlemen who were then Councill doe.

Wee would give You an Acc^{t}. of the Defects in the Powder-room but upon Enquiry where it was that it might be surveyed the Gunner himselfe Informed us there was no such thing in the Garrison w^{ch}. is above all things surprizing, that the Company should be at the Expence of maintaining a Fort and Yett be without Necessarys to defend it.

The Land Customer at Cuddalore has no Conveniency but an old Thacht house to do his Business in so that 'tis very necessary a Choultry should be built, there is a Foundation Laid and has been for some Years but why 'tis not Carried on can't be learnt, Wee Compute such a ℔eice of work will stand You in about Five hundred Pagodas.

If this Garrison had not been allwayes Blest with Peace and Happiness till now the most necessary peice of Work had not been forgott, and 'twas y^{e}. greatest surprize Expressable to the Deputy Gov^{r}. after the late unfortunate Action when he went down to Visit the wounded to find there was not, nor ever had been an Hospitall and the poor brave Fellows Lodged in such holes that wee are sure you would not put y^{e}. most Desplicable (*sic*)Wretches into muchless those who had ventured their Lives in Defence of y^{e}. Companys Priviledge and wee now Conformable to Y^{r}. Order give our Opinions that this peice of work, the Powder Room, the Choultry the Wall at Cuddalore, and the Factory, ought to be built with all imaginable Expedition.

Wee have strictly examined all Acc^{ts}. that we might give a Satisfactory Answer about the Garden but dont find mention made of such a Building in any Paymasters time but M^{r}. Harrisons who has really put what he Expended on it to that Acc^{t}. he had only y^{e}. Building the out houses and a little finishing [. . .] notwithstanding disburst six hundred Pagodas from w^{ch}. You may Infer what the whole Cost was, M^{r}. [Bridges] who was Paymaster and M^{r}. Faunce Storekeeper brought all their Expences under the Generall Head of Building without mentioning for what, so that's Impossible for us to give You the true cost of it but Ensigne Reay who had y^{e}. Supervision of the Workmen and kept an exact Account of the Daily Expence has been heard to say it amounted to a very small matter more or less than three Thousand Pagodas and now it stands Valued in the Generall Books at no more than a house was built. The Power M^{r}. Roberts had to build this house was given him the 27th. Feb^{ry}. 1705/6. The Paragraph of the Letter runs th[us] wee observe y^{e}. Condition of y^{e}. Garden house and for thee reasons you give us, permitt you to pu[ll] it down and build such a conveniency as is necessary for the End you mention, but recommend to you all the Thriftiness imaginable thir(*sic*)in which was in Answer to a Paragraph of a Letter from y^{e}. Deputy Gov^{r}. and Councill Dated Feb^{ry}. 16th. wher[e]in M^{r}. Roberts expresseth himselfe thus.

The Garden house is very much in Decay and part thereof tumbled in w^{ch}. renders it useless the Materials of w^{ch}. by a very good Survey Wee think Convenient to build a Conveniency w^{ch}. if you are pleased to permitt may be done with a very Little Expence which will make that place not only Pleasant but usefull to any one that's Sick, whether M^{r}. Roberts has kept his word or not and built it at very little expence Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will be the best Judges after having read what previousely wrot

to this, or whether the Governour &c^{a}. Answer will be sufficient warrant for his Launching out so Considerable as he has done w^{ch}. certainly was the true Cause, why more materiall buildings were Neglected.

The Arrack Licence has ever since its first Establishment been very Pernicious to our Souldiers but particularry (*sic*) in the time of Mr: Roberts when the Arrack was very bad and the Distillers never checkt for it and the Souldiers Drink ten times more than usual w^{ch}: they were Incouraged into the Destruction of their Constitutions. The Common report is that M^{r}. Roberts himselfe was the Farmer of the Lycence w^{ch}. surely must be true or he would never have Suffered Such Irregularitys and that Willson then Gentlemen of Arms Managed it for him, and some who sett att the Board now has heard the fellow own has much and that he Oblig'd himselfe to give him for the Money he lent 30 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum clear of all Charges so that the Souldiers Were not only made to pay Extravagant Interest for what they were trusted w^{ch}: was allwayes stopt at the Pay Table besides w^{ch}: they had a Custome of Charging them with three times more than they really Drink who being oftner Intoxicated than otherwise they could not Contradict. This not only Destroyed their Constitutions but Likewise made them much disaffected the Service, in so much that severall of them run away. It's a great misfortune that both Willson and the Nationall Farmers are dead or wee could be possitive as to this Particular as it is [we] can only Corroborate the Report by giving You our Opinions on it, and Assuring Y^{r}: Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. wee do really beleive it to be truth without Favour or a[ffect^{n}] Y^{r}: Commands shall be strictly Executed whenever we find any ℔ 'son Guilty of such Vile practices for the Future.

It was unjust whoever reported it, to say that the Generall Table was laid Aside, its true M^{r}. Roberts did some part of his time so far Neglect that he never came to it, and kept a seperate Table at the Companys [Expence] for his Family [and] followers. The Deputy Gov^{r}. cant tell whether he eat luxuriously or not, having not the Hon^{r}: above once to Dine with him but wee who were Constantly here do think he might have Lived with more Frugality. There was no more in the Fort than five Covenanted Servants and wee really think if they had not lived Luxuriously they could have hardly Expended 240 Pag^{ds}. a Month when six Gentlemen who lived att Cuddalore Expended no more than 31. Tis true their Allowance was very Small and not Enough for them to live on without adding out of their own Pocketts w^{ch}. is the Complaint now, and the Gentlemen whose Stations Oblige them to reside there make it their humble request that You'll be pleased to encrease their Allowance to Ten Pagodas Monthly and 'twill be sufficient to qualifie them to live to their Satisfaction & to the Creditt of their Hon^{ble}. Masters.

Wee cant find on Examination of M^{r}. Matthew Weld who was than Steward that any more than what may be Called Provisions was brought into his Acc^{ts}. Tis true M^{r}: Roberts would treat very Genteely and Drink very Plentifully of Europe Liquors which every body beleived to be at his own Expence but then at the end of the Month he would visit him with a Large Bill, wherin 'twas all Charged to the Company^{s}. at more extravagant rates than if bought at a Punch house he would likewise fatten Provisions at y^{e}: Comp^{ns}: Expence Notwithstanding [. . .] when the Company^{s}. Servant partook with him he would Oblige the [steward] to Charge them in his Accounts at Greater Prizes than they could be purchased in the Markette, besides Just as he left the Governm^{t}: he sold a large Quantity of Provisions to the Steward M^{r}. Baker sayes to his knowledge was raised att y^{e}: Companys Expence Wee leave it to Y^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}. to pass Y^{r}. Censures on these Actions. Wee really think they are what none but vilest Principles could be Guilty off such ungenteel manlike Scandalous Practices for the future.

Our Present way of Dieting is Conformable to the Companys Order all single ℔'sons eat all the Generall Table and those Gentlemen who are Married or whose Stations oblige them to reside att Cuddalore receive six Pagodas ℔ Month which as before Requested they hope Y^{ll}: encrease to Tenn.

There is with y^{e}: Deputy Gov^{r}: but 6 in the Fort who have a Title to y^{e}: Generall Table notwithstanding w^{ch}: by a Continued ill Custome so many People have resorted to it that it has stood y^{e}: Company in 200 Pag^{ds}: Monthly which

shall be rectified and the Expences retrenched so as to live Genteely but not Extravagant.

Wee think wee have now Answered Y^r: Hon^r: &c^a: to every particular required of us and now come to speak of our present Troubles and the Cause of them.

Some of our Inhabitants rented part of Surrupsings Country, who having some differency's with him retired to our bounds for Protection wher[e]upon he Dem[anded] them of M^r: Roberts, who very rightly Answered [. . .] deliver them to him, but if he would lay open his Case to him, as there was Impartiall Justice allwayes Distributed in English Govern^t: so he should be sure to meet y^e: same here, upon which Surrup Sing submitted and twas in y^e. Conclusion Agreed, it should be Arbitrated by ꝑ'sons indifferently Chosen who after a great deal of Trouble awarded the renters should pay 10454 Chuchroons one third downe and the other in two payments more. The first of which was honestly paid but Surrupsing as if Apprehensive of what happened Desired Security might be given for the Appearance of his renters till they had Clear'd their Debt, w^ch. M^r: Roberts Undertook, and promised he would see them forth Comeing when Demanded, but just before the time Came for the second Payment, Our Cheife Peon going the Rounds about Twelve at Night mett with Shiva Naigues Mother and Demanded where she was going, she Answered to Cuddalore, on w^ch: he lett her pass, but Ordered two Peons to Attend her, and acquainted M^r: Roberts to what he had done y^e: next Morning, who in a hasty manner ask't him in return what he had to do with her, and what it Concerned him where she went, that Cuddalore was not out of our bounds and she was as secure there as she was here. Ordering him forthwith to take of the Peons which he did, it was but few dayes after that he was sent out to meet M^r: Fraser who was Comeing here to receive the Government from him in which Interim not 12 hours before his Arrivall she was Conveyed away in the Night time and tho' M^r: Roberts was early acquainted of it he made no Enquiry nor did not so much as send after which had he done She Might easily have been brought back. The woman was [. . .] not so Avari[cious] a ꝑ 'son as M: Roberts been here might have been able to clear her Debt and prevented all this Trouble but One of her Relations Averrs to Us that he att severall times had Extorted from her Seven Thousand Pag^ds. w^ch: Intirely broke her and the Minute before she went Two hundred w^ch: being afraid she would discover to the New Gov^r. made him so hasty to send her away.

Wee hope this will be sufficient to Convince Y^r. Hon^r: &c^a: that wee had never embroiled as wee are had not M^r: Roberts regarded solely his Own Interest which he Esteemed to that Degree that he was for promoting it tho' his Employers Lost his Second Settlement on the Coast of Chormandell. Wee are very sorry wee cant find out a ꝑ'son who was so privy to his Transactions as to be able to Appear and Vindicate this in person, but he managed this affair with so much Policy that such a One is not to be found, and wee are very Apprehensive his Vile Practices in this particular, will, before Wee have a peace, cost our Hon^ble. Masters a considerable summ of Money. This is what wee can learn relating to his Affair, and M^r. Farmer sayes he knowes nothing will Corroborate it That what he wrote M^r. Fraser was only as his Opinion which he still adheres too, and tho M^r. Roberts had the vanity to report he deluded him with a proposal of Marriage, Yet he sayes at that Juncture the best and honest Acc^t: he could procure, and wee heartily wish it [had] been handled Sufficient for the late Gov^r. and Councill to have kept him here so that in Justice he might be obliged to make restitution for so many Lives and the Extraordinary Expence the Company are at besides the Stoppage of all Commerce which nas reduced their [. . . . .].

In the former part of this Letter Wee have laid open a great many of M^r. Roberts's mismanagements which are indeed two (*sic*) many for one Man wee could add aboundance of little mean Action not fitt to Trouble You with, so shall only comprize them in these few Words. That from y^e. Meanest Shopkeeper to the Subsantialls Merchant there are Complaints of Extortion against him all w^ch. summ'd up together, must give all impartiall Men just reason to say that the vileness of his Principalls and practices have neare ruined the place and that if his Estate is sufficient it ought to be given the Hon^ble. Company reprisall.

The Conclusion of a Contract is what has taken up a great part of our time since the Arrival of Mr. Raworth and the old Merchants of this place, and Cuddalore, putt us of from day to day with promises of making an end of it to our desire till they had quite worne out our Patience and then being prest to give Us a possitive Answer whether they will Contract or not for wee are sensible how short our time is, they rose in a heat and Declar'd they would not. Wee Intirely struck out all course Goods without exception, which was a proposall so unreasonable that Wee were very surprized at it. This You may be sure putt us on thoughts of a new sett, but before wee did Look out for any, wee sent know if they persisd. in their Resolution which they obstinately doing the next day Appeared before us Shadassarow [. . .] Madernaigulcum &ca. & Contracted with Us as ℔ List Inclosed at ye. prizes last Year, You'll perceive Wee were forct to take off from ye. ordinary Cloath and add to the fine which wee could not possible prevent and they plainly told us that unless wee did twas Impossible for them to serve the Company Wee hope twill meet with Your Approbation but if it does not the Agreement is made so that our Obligation is Void. Wee Really much wonder, Considering how Closely wee are Surrounded that they so boldly Under[s]tood to serve us, and beleive twas Cheifly in Expectation of procuring Yr. Honr. &ca. favour, which with submission, Wee really think they deserve, for had it not been the Sett who have received so many Obligations from Ye. Company if our Necessity's had Obliged us to Contract with them would not have done it but on such Unreasonable Terms that our Masters must have been very Considerable Looser's by the Investment. Our Enemys. have never made any Attempt on our Bounds Since the last Unfortunate Battle only appear in Partys and exchange some shott at a great Distance and so withdraw. A few dayes ago Captain Courtney had the fortune to kill two of their foo[t] and wound a third, but that does them no prejudi[ce]. Surruppa and the Buxy hold a Correspondence together but as yett seem very farr from an Agreement as You'll see by the Inclosed from him which if he persists in or the Thousand part of it, Wee are sure wee shall never come to an Accomodation, wee are Endeavouring to bring his People downe here, and he has [the] same thoughts of Us, but wee hope to bring him to our Terms, and when wee come to talk Face to Face to give Yr. Honr. &ca. a good Acct. of our affairs It is one of ye. greatest Misfortunes in the World That all our black Servts. are either Knaves or Cowards and rather Spys on Us than the Enemy so that they know every thing Wee say or do and Act accordingly whereas Wee know not one word of Truth from their Camp, which is ye. Cheife Reason Wee have not yet revenged our Selves on them, the Deputy Govr. has taken Measures to procure some Intelligence which he daily expects, and then wee shall take ye. Oppertunity to give them a home Blow that wee hope may prove Desisisive. In the mean time wee keep a strict watch, and our Men are in good heart and seeme to desire nothing more than to revenge the Death of their Comrad's.

There is another Misfortune that attends, wee are afraid You cant be able to Remedy, and that want of a good Officer at Cuddalore.

The Deputy Govr. a few Nights agoe sent them notice that they might expect ye. Enemy upon wch. Mr. Harrison went ye. Rounds to see ye. Condition of ye. Guards and found both Capt. and Ensigne so drunk that they were not Capable of Duty, which wee were forc't to pass by for want of better, were it not their constant Practice, wee should hardly Complain, tho' once at such a Juncture as this, to be found in such a Condition is enough to merritt the severest punishment and if Yn. please to Consider Thomas Kirkbird the Serjant that stood alone by Coventry and fought his way home, tho' twice Launcht through the Body and once into ye. Arme it would be a great Incouragement to the Man, and Service to us, for his Officer gives him the Character not only of a brave but a sensible sober Man and if you shall think fitt to promote him wee cant recommend a better ℔son to [his] Halbert than Daniel Jourdan a Corporall, who fought like a Lyon tho' Shott through the very Middle of his body he would not deliver his peice but discharged it at least eight times at them till with ye. prodigious quantity of blood which flowed from him he fell but is now very well recovered, and so is the Serjeant, as thank God are all the rest of our wounded (Two excepted) one of which Wee fear will loose his foot, & the other his Arme.

Doctor Jolly behaves himself very Industriously and goes through his business to a Miracle considering he has no Assistance which wee would [procure] from our Neighbours, but begin to suspect they [will be] readier to assist our foes than Us..

The Merchants Petitioned Yr. Honr. &ca. to take of ye. Custome of Graine before they spoke a word to Us which was ye. reason wee did not advise You of it. Wee thought it for the benefitt of ye. place to gr[ant] it for the benefit of the place (*sic*) since which boats come[ing] every day and its increased from six Measures for a fanham to eight and a half however wee hope for a supply from You and shall next season take Care Wee are not reduced to such straights Againe.

Wee had wrote ye. Govr. of Tincombar before ye. Receipt of Yr. Honr. &ca. for a supply of Rice who has since returned for Answer that want of Rain occasioned so great a Scarcity there that he could not supply Us with ye. Quantity wrote for, but however this day Two Chellingers Loaden with Gr[ain] and some other Provisions, with a Promise of a farther supply as soon as their sloops Arrives from Madrass, in the mean time Wee have sent our [Yale] to ye. Northward to procure what possible.

Inclosed is a List of Stores wanting which pray supply us with, and if You could spare Us four Cohorne Mortars, and two feild peices they would do us Singular Service.

Wee have pursuant to Yr: Order Returned Yr. Thanks to Captain Roach for bringing of Yr. Men and indeed had he not showne himselfe a Man of great presence of mind in danger they had all been cut off, Yr. Honr. &ca. pass a very just Censure on our Military, for certainly had they not Dispised ye. Enemy, that Unfortunate Accident had not happened which they are Cautioned against for the future, Tho' our Guards are really plac't as near one another as possible considering the extent of our Bounds.

Herewith comes our Generall Books and Consultations if they are not extreamly well writ Wee hope Yll. excuse them Considering the hurry they are Writt in that they may reach You time enough to goe by the Bouverie.

Wee have nothing more to add at present but to assure You wee shall use to Continue to Use Our Endeavours to Meritt Yr. Favour, and that Wee are

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yr. Obedient Humble Servants

Augst. 30th. 1711

Robt. Raworth.
Ri: Farmer.
Jo. Berlu.
Richard Harrison.
Philip Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Henry Cottrell.

No. 111

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. for Affairs of the
Rt. Honble. United English
East India Compa. &ca. Council in Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Wee were favour'd on the 31st. last month with Yrs. of the 25th. by Ship King Ibrahim and its Coppy came to hand the 6th. Instant.

With sincere joy wee Congratulate ye. Honble. Edward Harrison's Arrivall, and think ourselves happy under his Protection and Goverment. wishing him a long Injoyment of health & Success in all his Undertakings.

Cunchum Lingana returned 4 Dayes ago from ye. Country, and besides arrears of last Invet. and 2000 Pagds. advanced has brought in more goods to the Amt. of 1044 Pagds. for wch. we have pd. him & made another advance of Pags. 2000 also the produce of Cotton sold at 24 Pags. ℔ Candy, he does assures us that a large quantity

of goods will come in a few dayes time w^ch^. with 80 Bales now ready in Warehouse and at the Washers will Compleat a Loading for y^e^. Rising Sun to be dispatch'd w^th^. the first fair wind offering the end of this Month or beginning next and Considering how late our Investm^t^. began with the Rainy Season sett in, wee could not expect a better Complyance.

Our Diarys and Consultations to y^e^. last of June with Paymasters Acc^t^. Expences to the last of May have been sent and now comes June Acc^t^. Cash with y^e^. Warehouse Keepers List of Goods wherein y^e^. Beteelas exceed proportion but as wee cant [have] [...] they [...] seasonably to be ready for y^e^. Jan^y^. Shipping.

It's seldom that wee have an Oppertunity to draw bills for any great Summs wherfore wee Desire Y^ll^. send a Supply for December Contract before turn of y^e^. Monsoon that there may be no want to Carry on our Investm^t^.

Wee have given M^r^. Cranwell a bill on Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. for Pag^ds^. 100 payable to M^r^. Warre.

M^r^. Hastings hum^bly^. begs that the Hon^ble^. Gov^r^. will be pleased ℔use former letters relating to his Misfortune by the Ganjam Gally ℔ticularly one dated the 2^th^. last Aprill and readily Submitts to his Hon^r^. determination.

Wee p^d^. M^r^. March freight of y^e^. Cotton att 1 Pag^d^. ℔ bale.

Our Nabob went towards his residence at Chickacul the 6^th^. but before his departure demanded of us 4000 R^s^. for last Years Town rents tho' by reason of y^e^. late Troubles wee could not receive them & had Fuckerlee Cawns discharge to show he persis^t^. on that unreasonable demand, and because wee did not Comply seem disgusted, tho as yett wee have found no bad effects of his ill humour. wee most Respectively Subscribe

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Y^r^. most Obedient Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

VIZAGAPATAM
AUGUST 9^TH^. 1711.

FRA: HASTINGS.
[ROB^T^.] CRANWELL.
THO: FAUCETT.
RICH^D^. HORDEN.

N^c^. 112

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.
HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Our Last to You, was of the 30^th^. Ultimo by boat when wee sent you Copys of our Consultations, and Generall Books, which wee hope Arrived safe, and time enough to be put in Y^r^. Packett by the Des bouverie.

Wee Acquainted Yo^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. by that Conveyance how insolently the old sett of Merchants had behaved themselves for which Reason Wee were Obliged to take a New Company, which mortified them to that degree that they immediately begged to be admitted a share, w^ch^. with y^e^. consent of y^e^. new sett wee Granted, and now they seem to be heartily United, and resolved to carry on the Contract if approved of by Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Vigorously, tho they daily Complain of the hardships imposed on them by our Giving them so small quantitys of fine Goods notwithstanding wee have permitted them to make some Additions to Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. List, this indeed must be said of them att present that Considering the Troubles wee are Surrounded with they have showne themselves very bold Adventurers to make a Contract on y^e^. same tirms they did when t'was Peace.

Wee can give Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. no further Acc^t^. of our Enemy^s^. but that they remaining very Quiet in their [...] which [y^e^. violent] Rains which have Lately fell makes the Roads allmost Impassible; and sometimes Appear in small Partyes as usuall, but make no Attempt, wee have had severall Letters from the Buxy and Mawbut Cawn, wherin they seem to insist on their old Terms, and Desire

Person may be sent from hence to discorse them but being in Expectation of one from them, wee have thought Convenient as Yett to Reject that Proposall, if wee Could Carry the Treaty to Chinjee w^th^. out the Privity of them, wee might hope for better Success, and have Receiv^d^. a Letter from a Person very near Surap Sing, insinuating as [much] but he's Grown so very Infirme, that tis w^th^. great Difficulty and very slowly he dispatches any business however wee have sent him a Letter being willing to try all means possible rather than think of Giving Money, the Inconveniencys and Discredditt of which would Certainly be inexpressible to our Hon^ble^. Ma[ster] there is a Report that he's turned out, and that his Son is to Succeed him w^ch^. will make the matter worse, he being a ℔son of Youth and Activity, but that wants Confirmation, 'tis most Certainly true, that the Extraordinary Charges he has been att to Carry on this Warre, besides the Damage done the Country has so Impoverisht him, that he Cant Pay his Troops, and he's forct to Give them leave to Plunder Abdall Nabbys and the Duans Country for Subsistance w^ch^. they Daily doe with y^e^. Utmost Severity, Wee hope this evill bring downe [some of their] Forces against him and dont doubt [that . . .] Enemy Encreases, Wee shall be the nearer making an end of the Warre.

Wee entreat You to Send Us what Rice and Paddy possible for he has now Sent his People to Portonovo, and Conimeer, to Prevent their Exporting any, and You'll perceive by our last wee Cant Expect much assistance from the French, and the Danes say they are in as great Scarcity allmost as Wee. Wee Are

FORT S^T^. DAVID
SEPT^R^. 4^TH^. 1711.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Y^r^. most Obedient humble Servants
RO^T^. RAWORTH.
RI^D^. FARMER.
J^o^. BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

N^o^. 113

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT FOR R^T^. HON^BLE^. COMPANY GOVERNOR FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Y^r^. Hon^r^. Genn'll dated y^e^. 22^d^. July rec^d^. the 6^th^. of August I heartily Congratulate your Hon^r^. safe Arrivall Enclosed send your Hon^r^. the three Monthly Accounts of May June and July humbly entreat Y^r^. Hon^r^. to pass them.

The 18^th^. July Arrived in this Port a Dutch Parr from Nagapatam with 26 Souldiers y^e^. 19^th^. Ditto Arrived a Sloop from y^e^. same Port Landed 26 Soldiers, Six Gunners, six Guns, powder and shott for securing of this Place; brought Orders for the two Guard Ships to sail for Bimlepatam: take aboard w^t^. Goods reddy; then sail for Batavia; 26 July sailed from hence.

Then intended to withdraw our People from his point; Dutch Cheife & heads of the Town; Discoursed very fully of it, Letters being gone to the King of all proceedings gave him a full Account Dutch & English both Assisting; and by their strength wee kept the Town for the King; and able to withstand Mahmud Yarrbeague and his Confederates from Robbing the Port; till the Kings Answer Comes, you cant withdraw from your poast; Dutch Cheife gave Answer your Charge is small wee have 35 peons more than our Complement; 60 whi[ch] Men two Ships staid here for Guard 3 Months; 6 [Gunns] if you with draw; I shall not keep our People; orders come Ships must Sail, our Masters have sent a Sloop [&] Parr to guard the Port; with Men Powder and Shott for the same; Both wee and you in a months time must receive very favourable Answers from y^e^. King, Which hope may prove so effectuall to our advantage these [bad] Governments dare not for the future

Demand or force [any]thing from Us: upon such Occasion to be at this Charge to secure the place for him; is of great Consequence for our Names to be in his Memorie wee and You [are] going to meet the King.

Our Factories at Madapollam being extremly out of repair sent y^e^. Bramine 23 Rupees to buy Chin[am] for the New house Roofe being much Opened; by th[e] Strong winds & Flag Staff placed theron have ordered him to take y^e^. Flag Staff downe & Chinam it y^t^. may keep y^e^. rain out; old house stands firm having turned y^e^. Tyles.

Washhouse of Madapollam one end being fallen, have ordered him to make it up to keep the other from being Carried away being a large house: Walls of the factories being fallen; By w^ch^. means they lye Open are free passage for all People; the extent of the Ground, a Mile round Brick walls of y^e^. New Factorie; part of them are fallen.

Dutch Cheife made Agreement with their Merchants in November last for Tenn Thou^d^. Pag^ds^. Chay Goods, Seven Thousand came in 3 Months ago; the other 3 Thousand, came in by water the 5^th^. August; Merchants Inform me they meet with no Trouble now, in the house where y^e^. Goods are made bring in the Jentue Government having a Respect for y^e^. Company. Dutch Cheif sending them a Coat, Rose Water and Sandle, come into this Agreem^t^. meet with Trouble now for fear of a seizure brought them by water from Norra Ouddera River.

Dutch Cloath at Datcherroone came by water to Pollicoll: there Cured it, Sent, Some money more to Datcherioone. What Cloth is reddy at Pollicoll y^e^. same Bailed up Laded [in] A Boat y^t^. went from whence to Madapollam lyes reddy if fair wind presents & the fresh[es] abate to Sail, Cheife sent more money to [Pollicol]a.

Here are severall Reports of a Sudden alteration in this Government; Codjee [report] Habbit Cawn hath a Phirmaund for it, his People are on y^e^. way from Cassome Crate may expect them every Day.

Tima Naig the Bankor doeth not affirm it; their Masters Live in y^e^. King, there advices are the Trewest; every hour expect theire Peons when they come shall have true News.

Zoude Cawns Gumusta Musa Beage that waited here on Zoude Cawns Account to receive this Government is Departed for Bengall. Desired a Boat of y^e^. Companys to Carrie him of and his Good (*sic*); was soe poor had no Money to pay Charges of y^e^. Boat.

I humbly Crave Leave
Hon^ble^. S^r^.
Y^r^. most Obedient Servant
PHILIP NODEN.

METCHLEP^M^. 20^TH^.
AUGUST 1711.
By Sumber Ramars Peons.

N^o^. 114

TO THE HON^BLE^. W^M^. FRAZER ESQ^R^.
GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HONO^BLE^. &^A^.

By ship Thomas that Sailed hence to your Port y^e^. 11^th^. Past was our la: You under y^e^. 8^th^. D^o^. since w^ch^. on y^e^. 8^th^. Ins^t^. rec^d^. yours of y^e^. 4^th^. Aprill acc panying your Packett to our Hono^ble^. Masters, w^ch^. wee shall Forward to P under our Cover on Close of y^e^. Moonsoon w^ch^ is y^e^. soonest Conveyance wee give it.

Tho' wee are sorry for y^e^. Occasion of the Des Bouveries being detained after so great forwardness to be dispatched home, yet are glad you got so timely Int ence of y^e^. French Shipp's proceedings as to Provide for her Safety.

Wee thank You for Your Advices of y^e^. Arrival of y^e^. Success Gally in Bengall. Y^e^. S^t^. George wee hope is arrived You in safety, y^e^. time of the Captains Design to leave P^t^. D. Galle, may not reasonable Expect any Danger of y^e^. French.

BOMBAY CASTLE
JUNE Y^R^ 22^TH^. 1711.

Wee are
Hon^r^. &c^a^.
Your very Lov^s^. Fr^ds^. & most
Humble Servants

W^M^. AISLABY.
W^M^. PHIPPS.
J^o^. COURTNEY.
DOUGL^S^. BURNISTON.

N^o^. 115

TO THE HONO^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HONO^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Since our last to Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. of y^e^. 5[^th^] Instant, Wee have not been favoure with any from Yo[u] But are in Daily hopes now you have dispatched the Desbouverie, to have an Answer to what wee wrote rela[ting] to the Contract with our Merchants, who have this day Confirmed it by signing One in the Usuall Forme but wee have not as Customary, given them a Counterpart not knowing how you may Approve of Our Proceeding tho' wee Assure you wee have to this Juncture used our Endeavours, tho in Vain to bring them exactly to Your List for nothing would have been a great Satisfaction to Us, than at this time to have prevail[ed] over their Obstinate Humours before they parted with Us Wee put them in Mind againe of their Complaints against the Cloth, w^ch^. they Promise to Amend, and desire as before wee have wrote Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^ that you will be pleased to send downe new Musters from Madrass, w^ch^. wee will take Care that they are exactly kept up too that wee may no more give Occasion to Our Masters to Trouble you with Complaints [. . . .] Tho You sent down by the Des Bouverie so large a Supply as Tenn Thousand Pag^ds^. Yett wee begg you would forgett to replenish Our Cash as Oppertunity offers for our Expences Runs so high that wee have att present but 6000 Pagodas by Us, and know very well when ever the Merchants bring in their Cloth, they'll be so pressing for money that if wee dont Immediately supply them they will talk of failing in their part too, and Desist bringing in Goods, it has been Accustomary to draw upon You as Opportunity offers, and if You think proper to Continue us that Liberty Wee assure Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. wee'll never Imbrace it but when Our Masters Creditt is at Stake.

Wee have been this day Sollicited Again about y^e^. Broad Cloath which they say they Ought to have or at least A Share, in Consideration of the Hazards there Goods Run beyond the Merch^ts^. of Fort S^t^. George and Offer to take off the whole Quantity that's Come out this Year att 55 ℔ Cent on Invoice, and make Payment as Usuall, Wee told them twas not in our Power to dispose of it, and therefore Could not Promise them they should have it, but Obli^d^. our Selves to lay their request before You which wee hope you will take it into Your Consideration and dont doubt but Your Favourable Answer will make them perform this Contract according to their Promise and our Expectation.

Our Enemys remain very quiet and [by ...] are heartily tyred of the Warr, so wee may [...] true for a speedy and happy Conclusion of this War[re] they daily continue plundering the Duans and Abdull Nabbys Country, and this day Wee hear of a Party of Horse belonging to the Duan arrived to Suppress them, besides which the People have Assem^d^. themselves with a resolution not to Suffer their Country without Opposition to be ravaged more Wee hope this will humble the Spirit of Mobitt Cawne, who has promised Surrup Sing he'll bring us to Comply with Any tirms He should propose let them be never so Unreasonable.

Wee are sorry whilest Our Enemy dont molest us abroad, Our Souldiers should be troublesome at home, but that commonly is y^e^. Effect of to (*sic*) much ease in an Army. The Inclosed will give Y^r^. [Hon^r^.] &c^a^. a full Account of a Barbarous Murder [Committed] by Jacob Vanbashayson on Thomas Parsons a [person] belonging to Madrass without (as wee can learne, [. . .] least provocation. Wee must needs doe the [M . . .] Justice to Acquaint Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. that he [behaved] himselfe very penitently when before Us, [. . .] did not seem to expect any thing, but the re[ward] of the Action he Committed but modestly [demanded] so great a Favour as to Die a Soldiers Death, Could [w . . .] Interceed in [th . . .] has shed Blood, wee would in his, for he has the Character of a very quiet man and behaved himself brave[ly] with Cap^t^. Roach but tis a peice of Mercy that [. . .] attended with so many ill Consequences that [we] wont say more but wait Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Direct how you'll have him and y^e^. other disposed of.

M^r^. Harrison has Represented to M^r^. [Jo . . .] Landon advised him by these Shipps, that the Ho[n^ble^.] Company have bought the Books he left behind him and beggs Y^r^. Order that they may be paid for, and received into the Library which wee have promised him to lay before Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. and [shall] follow Y^r^. Directions about them.

Our Stores of Wine and Wheat is nigh exhausted and beg the favour of a Supply as [soon as] possible together with paddy and Rice of which there is not above 30 Garse for Sale in our Bou[nds]. We are with all Respect.

FORT S^T^. DAVID.
[. . .] Y^E^. 7^TH^. 1711.

Hono^ble^ S^r^. &c^a^.
Y^r^. most Obedient Humble Servants

ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RI : FARMER.
PHILIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
[. . . .]

Please to send us some
sea Cole and Firewood.
R. R.
R. F.
M. H.C.
M^R^. HARRISON AT CUDDALORE &
M^R^. BERLU AT Y^E^. EDGE OF Y^E^.
[. . .]

N°. 116

Upon the Bagonetts on the Muszill of the [Gun] Peices.

Jacob Vanbashayson sayes nothing more [in] Defence than that he was drunk and knew not [what] he did, That he had no Malice att all against the Serjeant, and repented Sincerely of the Fact, notwithstanding as he had imbrewed his hands in a brother soldiers blood he thought he deserved to die, but begged if wee could not be Mercifull, as he had good Relations (tho he now was no more than a Centinell) that he might not dye the death of [a] Rogue but A Soldier, and be shott to death by one or two of Men of the Party he belonged too.

Derrick Johnson who was with him is a fel[low] that has been publickly Scourged at Batavia, and wear the Cross on his Back, he denys he was Accessary to the Murder and that he only Interfeered when he knockt Kirk down to part y^e^. Persons engaged but all Circumstances make y^e^. Contrary Appear and shows his Inclinations as good but it was not in his Power to Committ as Heynous a Crime as his Companion.

Thomas Parsons was brought speechless into y^e^. Fort but at that Juncture more Occasioned by Liquor than his Wound the [...] had some [. . .] [h]opes at first [. . .] they end [. . .] fell [. . .] Direct down, and that the Sword had penetrat^d^ : his Medrife and wounded severall of his Gutts.

This is what the three Persons first named Declared upon Oath before y^e^. Deputy Governour and Councill.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
SEPTEMBER 7^TH^. 1711. THO : GRAY
RECEIVED THE 10^TH^. DITTO.

No. 117.

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HONO^BLE^. S^R^, &C^A^.

Our last was by Country Boat advising the murther of Thomas Parsons, by Jacob Vanbashayson, since which on the 10^th^. Instant wee Rece^d^ : the Hono^r^. of Y^rs^. of the 22 Ultimo with the Chipurgeons Instruments and nineteen Garse of Rice, for which wee return our humble Thanks. Wee acquainted You then what Quantity of Grain Wee [had in the Barn] [which] is now almost exhaus^d^. [. . .] Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. [. . .] still for all the Rice and Paddy You can [please] spare for our Expence is not less than 5 Garse [a] Day, so that when the moonsoon makes it Imp[ossible] for any Boates to Supply Us by Sea and Our Enemyes Stopp all Importations by Land, [Wee] can Judge no other Consequence will attend our want of Graine, than that the Inhabitants will rather Choose to leave the Bounds than Famish in em. It was indeed a very great misfortune that when it was in our Powers, a store was [not] laid in, but time is past, and all wee can say [now] is, that when it pleases God to Extricate Us from these Troubles wee will tho' in the heigth of Prosperity be provided for the worst that can so happen.

Wee have a great deal of reason to beleive Our Tappys are stopt on the road for our Enemys have placed a new Guard at Bomopollam and Conymeere to stop all exportations for this place or else wee hant fair Play at Pondicherry, for sometimes private Madrass Letters come by their Peons that have been 20 dayes on the Road. We should be sorry to be Assured that they are in Consultations with Mobitt Cawne, tho' wee have some reasons to fear it, so beg the Favour of Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. that You'll be pleased to examine y^e^. Tappys about it and advise us by Sea, when Y^r^. last Dispatch to Us was by Land that wee may find a remedy (if Our suspicions are true against this [. . .] [for tho' wee are deprived] of all Other necessarys and make ourselves easy without them Yett tis Impossible for us to live without Y^r^. Orders.

The Army continue Plundering the Duans Country and lately burnt one of his Towns Called Parsimunglum after having Extorted Two Thousand Pag^ds^. from y^e^. Inhabitants besides which they have taken Possession of Porto Novo which is lately given to Abdull Nabby. These Actions will Undoubtedly Exasperate both those Nabobs against them if Surrup Sing is Continued, but last night wee was Informed as a Certain Truth That he's Out and a new King on his way to Chingee, and that he has wrote to Mobett Cawne to gett a small matter, if he cant a Sume of Consequence from Us, rather than have the Accomodation to his Successor, but wee fear this is to good News to be True. Tis most Undoubtedly Fact that Three hundred Foot and Sixty horse have left the Service for want of Pay, and that the Rest is very much dissatisfied for the same reason so that all reports put together, wee think wee have a better Prospect of Peace than ever, and only wait for a Letter from Chingee to know on what Terms they Are.

The Madapollam Yatch lying Idle wee have presumed to send her to you to be Laden with Paddy, and hope shell be able to make two Tripps before the Season will Oblige us to bring her into Y^e^. River again, she sailes at no [. . .] Companys Laskars aboard, tho' wee request Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. [. . .] her with Y^rs^. Ours being mightily wanted on the [. . .] where wee are forc't to keep them for want of a [good] Gunrooms Crew.

Mr. Harrison Informs Us [he] beleivs, but is not sure that Mr. Landons [books] were paid for in England soe wee shall direct [. . .] take 'em into our Library.

We wish Success to our Masters [. . .] and Yr. Honr. &ca. all Health and Prosperity and are

Fort St. David
Septemr. the 11th. 1711.

Honoble. Sr. &ca.
Yr. Obedient Humble. Servt.[s]

Recei[d]. 13th. Ditto.

Robt. Raworth.
Ri: Farmer.
Jo. Berlu.
Ri: Harrson.
Pp. Baker.
Matthew Weld.
Henry Cottrell.

Honble. Sr. &cA.

Since writing ye. foregoing [a] Party of about 200 foot came down from Hills on Capt. Courtney who he has drove back again with good Execution and no more Damage to himselfe than one black Fellow wounded wta. a shot in the thigh wch. I thought Convenient to acquaint you with tho the Gentlemen of the Councill are not with me. I am wth. all Respect

Yr. Honrs. &ca.
Most Obedient Servt.

Robt. Raworth.

No. 118.

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
Presidt. and Govr. of Fort St. Georg (*sic*) &cA. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &cA.

We have now before us Y: Honr. &ca. of ye. 8th. and 12th. Instant together with Copy of one of ye. 10th. by Mr: Bakers Boat the Originall of wch. is not Yet Arrived.

Pursuant to Yr. Order by this Sloop we send you Lieutenant Vivers and Ensigne Williams, whose names wee should have mentioned when wee advised you of their Crimes had wee appriz'd Y. Honr. &ca. were not before Informed who Commanded at Cuddalore, and for the future shall be more particular. One hopes Yll: be mercifull to him because he's poor, and to'ther because he has a large Family, but much doubt since they so Justly deserve their punishmt. whether Yr. Pity will extend so far as to paid on them on those scores, (will when ever wee find any Persons refractory, mutinous, or Drunk more particularly Officers, whose Lives ought to be Examplary) send them to Yr. Honr. &ca. by the first Conveyance that afterwards presents.

Capt. Courtney has formerly bin a little Insolent in his Deportmt. to his Superiors but now behaves himselfe very respectfully wee shant fail to put Yr. Order in practice Upon the first time he Comences Rebell again.

Wee thank Yr. Honr. &ca. for sending us so ge[ntle]an Officer as Capt. Hewson whose Arrivall wee [were] for not having one Commission Officer at Cuddalore are very much Obliged to Yor. Honr. &ca. for Gratifying our request, in behalf of the Serjeant and Corporall who are fit for Duty again, and shall be promoted as soon as Yr. Commission Arrives and shall take [the] Oppertunity to let our Military know that as Virtue and Courage is rewarded so You are resolved that Vice shall be punished with the Utmost Severity.

The Boat wth. Packing Stuff is not yet Arrived tho' that with Rice is, wch. we advised you of in our last, and Boats from Yr. Port dayly drop in, which gives that Life to the pl[ace] and ease to Us, that we cant with Gratitude sufficient Express our great Obligations for Yr. Care of us, it must undoubtedly give great discontent to our Enemy who were in great hopes they should starve us to their own Termes.

Wee are extreamly Glad Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. approve off our Contract of y^e^. 4^th^. Sep^r^. & have Discoursed the Merchants about encreasing it to 100000 Pag^ds^. but now contrary to what they before Promised, they say they cant make an Addition unless we allow them to bring it in, In fine Goods w^ch^. we will never Conceed too, and hope in Conclusion to bring them to our Terms, wee have prest 'em as much as possible to help us to some Bales to assist you in loading the Hallifax, which they give us hopes they ill Gratifie us in, when we shall be sure to Observe Y^r^. Orders and pack the same number of peices in our Bales as you doe at Fort S^t^. George.

Should wee Appear or any Body in our names att Portonovo it would certainly Embroyle our Merchants Goods, for Surap Sings People are there, but if their ffactor's will let us know wherin we can be Serviceable to em', in Obedience to Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^as^. Commands, wee shall give them all the Assistance in our Power that the Hallifax may goe Early in October.

Wee thank Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. for Y^r^. Advises about the Bouverie she has a rich Cargoe on board, and wee heartily wish her a good Voyage to England.

Wee shall Endeavour to have the Treaty with Surap Sing Carryed on as much to the Creditt of our Hon^ble^. Masters as possible, but the negotiation of that affair being referred to the Hon^ble^. President and M^r^. Raworth wee shall speake no more of it in publick till a Treaty is near Concluding and then pursuant to Y^r^. Orders the whole Proceedings Shall be layed before the Board to be approved here, and than Transmitted to Y^r^. [Hon^r^. &c^a^.] for a finall [Conclusion].

Our last mentioned on what Termes the [Merchant] will take Y^r^. Broad Cloath, so we have [forebore] Concluding with em' till wee Receive an Answer which we dayly Expect.

Wee advised Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. formerly that we had sent the Yatch to the Northward for Graine w^ch^. was y^e^. Reason wee did not send her to you sooner, but as soon as she returned wee dispatcht her, and hope she is safe arrived with you, and now likewise comes y^e^. sloop, which wee Could not send before not having her Owners ℔mission.

Pursuant to Y^r^. Order the murth[e^r^] and his Associate are in Irons in a close Cock [house] on rice, and water, and shall be sent you with a strong Guard by y^e^. first safe Conveyance, Wee [hope] Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. will doe them Justice that [others] may be deterred from being Guilty of the like Barbaritys for the future, we as wee allwayes thought it necessary to Carry a very strict Discipline as knowing whence the ffellowes wee Command Come, w^ch^. when we Consider we think it miracalous no more such Acts are Committed, we shall be sure to be Vigilant ourselves and send those Officers to you who dont follow our Examples.

Wee are very sorry you should have greater Cause to Complain, then the Hon^ble^. Company of our Cloth who sayes that there is no more than 15 ℔ Cent Difference between it and y^rs^. whereas y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. makes it 40 and M^r^. Berlu is very much Concerned it should ffall on him, as wee have all once before, so he does now assure Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. he allwayes Sorted without any affection to the merchants, but to the best of his Judgement and that they have frequently Complained of his severity, but since Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. who are proper Judges doe think the difference is so great, he can say nothing more for himselfe then that he Beleivs some of the Blacks his profest Enemys have put a Trick on him and Changed his Cloth and that he will be more ℔particularly Carefull for the future.

The Musters are part of Y^rs^. at Fort S^t^. George which were made upon the Gov^r^. & Councills first contract with Colloway and Vingatty Chitty, and wee think if the Cloth be kept up to them twill be Richly worth the price Contracted for.

Wee thank Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. for the Liberty you have given Us of Drawing on you, pursuant to w^ch^. we have Rec^d^. of Cap^t^. Roach the sum of 269 pagodas, for which we have given him a Bill payable at 3 dayes sight on Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Dated y^e^. 14^th^. Instant wee are sensible how hazardous twill be at this Juncture to venture money by Sea, or Land, which makes us the more desirous of Concluding w^th^. our Merchants about the Broad Cloath y^e^. am^t^. of w^ch^. will, wee Beleive near pay em' and they seem willing to receive it in madrass as they [bring their] Call[icoes] [in here].

Wee shall be sure to Reduce our Ex[penc]es as much as Possible, and hope we shall be so for[ced] to put an End to the Warr, wee must desire you to send Us some more arrack, for the Expences on the Out Guards amounts to Us less then 700 Gallons ℔ Month w^ch^. has nigh exhausted what Came up with M^r^. Raworth, it has been continued with the Soldiers so long that should we goe about to break of y^e^. Custome at once twould be thought hard by y^e^. Soldiers and wee hope wee shant have Occasion to spend above 700 Gallons more on 'em.

Wee desire You'l be pleased to send us stores for the Hospitall and Armory as ℔ Inclosed Lists.

M^r^. Raworth advised Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. after our last Letter was signed that there had bi'n a skirmish between Cap^t^. Courtneys Party and the Enemys Foot who he drove back into y^e^. woods, w^th^. some Slaughter and y^e^. next day they Came down in the Same Manner again, which he apprehending layed so good an Ambuscade for them that about 200 came, within 20 Y^ds^. of him, at which Juncture he salyed out, and discharged besides his two mushatoons a wole Volley of Swan shot among'st 'em, w^ch^. put them in such a Consternation that he had time to Load, and Repeat y^e^. same thing again [w^ch^. did] wonderfull Execution but he was so intent upon farther Slaughter that they hauled their dead amongest their Bushes after this when they were got on a Body on the Hill he discharged his Cowhorne Mortar at them with so good Success that it fell in y^e^. mids't of them, and did good Execution, besides w^ch^. he again Caught 'em in Ambuscade that day where severall of them fell, so that, by the Acc^t^. y^e^. French give us they lost about 80 men, but w^t^. is more satisfactory the Buxy and Mawbut Cawne when they heard our Discharges, Ordered the Horse to their assistance but they one and all Refused to Obey, since this Action we Remai^d^. Quiet till Saturday when their whole Body of horse Appeared againe at Whickmeer, but upon Cap^t^. Roaches advancing with his Party they Retired without Action. Wee are

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Y^r^. Obedient Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RI: FARMER.
J^o^. BERLU.
RI: HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Since writing y^e^. foregoing [M^r^.] Bakers Boat is Arrived w^th^. Cap^t^. Hewson, and [y^e^.] Pacquett of y^e^. 10^th^. we shall advise Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. [. . .] the Stores Come Out by y^e^. Tappys. We are

FORT S^T^. DAVID
SEP^R^. 17^TH^. 1711.
RECEIV^D^. 19^TH^. DITTO.

Hon^ble^ S^r^. &c^a^.
Y^r^. Obedient Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RI: FARMER.
J^o^. BERLU.
RI: HARRISON.
PP. BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.

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TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Our last to you was by the Mary Packet of y^e^. 17^th^. Instant which we hope is safe Arrived since w^ch^. nothing Material has happened.

Wee Return Y : Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : our hearty Thanks for the Wine you were pleased to send Us by M^{r}. Bakers Boat, w^{ch} : wth : y^{e} : Stores Came safe to Us as ℔ your Invoice, but wee dont as yet hear any thing of that Country Boat you designed Us with y^{e} : other 10 Chests and additionall Quantity of Stores wee formerly wrote for, w^{ch} : wee Attribute to the Contrary Winds and Currants they have Mett with which seems here to be directly against them.

On the 14th : Ins^{t} : a Dutch Man William Lowman by name having by Gaming without any farther ill Usage deserted from Cuddalore, and took Protection in Mobutt Cawns Camp from whence wee Demanded him and sent Peons to Receive him, they very Readily Gave the Fellow free Liberty to Return to his Duty, but would not force him, without a Pardon, w^{ch} : is sent him, and tonight wee Expect him back, this civill Treatment, together with the ffree passage there is on the road to Chingee gives us Reason to hope they have a real Inclination for Peace, w^{ch} : M^{r} : Raworth will particularly write y^{e} : Hon^{ble} : President about.

Our merchants Continue Obstinate as to their Resolution of not Contracting for 20000 Pagodas more without wee abate the Quantity of Corse Goods w^{ch} : is quite Contrary to their previous Promise when first they Requested Us to Enlarge The Contract, wee desire Y^{r} : Hon^{r} : &c^{as}. Answer [to y^{e}.] Particular, and shall Endeavour in the Mean[time] to bring them to the best Terms Wee Can.

We thank Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for sending Us [such] good an Officer as Cap^{t}. Hewson who we have [given] the Command of Cap^{t} : Hugonins Company att Cuddalore, and the new Works att Bandapollam where Ensigne Keir formerly Commanded and have likewise Given Ensigne Kirtbird his Commission, who we dont doubt will behave him [self] so as to Meritt y^{e} : Continuance of Y^{r} : Hon^{r} : &c^{as} : Fa[vour].

When D^{r} : Jolly first came hither he Undertook the Service for the time the Trouble should last, and then Agreed that after he should have his free promission (*sic*) to return to Madrass but is now very willing to serve the Hon^{ble} : Company during Y^{r} : Pleasure provided you will be pleased to give him some Assurances that he shant be removed without notice first given him, that he may procure himselfe another Employ, wee hope Y^{r} : Hon^{r} : will be pleased to accept of his Offer, for if we may be allowed to give our opinions of him by his Success he Certainly must understand his Business Incomparable well and wee are sure he is very Indefatigable in his Employ.

M^{r} : Raworth has Lodged all the Moneys and Effects of M^{r} : Gabriel Roberts in the Hands of his Attorny the Hon^{ble} : Edward Harrison Esq^{r} : where (since Y^{r} : Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : have thought Convenient to attack them) he desires they may Lye till the Companys Pleasure be known. We are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
SEP^{R}. 20TH. 1711.
RECEI^{D}. Y^{E}. 22^{D}. DITTO.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Y^{r}. Obedient Hum^{ble} : Serv^{ts}.

ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
RI : FARMER.
J^{o}. BERLU.
RI : HARRISON.
PP. BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

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TO THE WORSHIPFULL JEREMIAH HARRISON COMMISSARY
H.S.

Last year att the return of our Freeman Marten Anthonis wee heard of safe Arrival on the Coast but hearing no further of you I some time since in Letter of M^{r}. Dirk Scholen wrote to [you] Concerning the Mony here disburst .. [the] Company but having no answer att [. . .] tho' I Doubt not the Letter was safe [. . .] I take this Oppertunity to Trouble you on [account of] the Aforesaid Martin Anthonis who Carried [. . .] Over comeing to Madrass

being a good O[ppertu]nity to send said monys by him since this Mon[y] Disburst by my Writer Scholen forme in Y^r^: Pre[sence] according to Order of Councill not to hinder You in Y^r^: Voyage being one hundred rixd^lls^: [. . .] into y^e^ Companys Cash there to be left in Se[ques]tration untill we had answer to Our Letters from the Hon^ble^. Gov^r^. of Zeyloane which is now co[me] with an Order to detain 50 of the said Hund[red] for Charges of y^e^: Sloops and small Vessells that assisted y^e^. Ship of y^e^. reef the other 50 to be paid back out of y^e^. each as appear by y^e^. Inclosed receipt under the Hand of the Casheer Johann[a] de Hand so there is yet due to me 50 Pagodas that I can demand of no person but yourself as you left me an Obligation Under y^r^: Hand to make good what our Company should Demand which Obligation I have thought fit to Deliver to Marten Anthonis to Deliver you [. . .] in paying you will befriend Me.

SEP^TM^. 29^TH^: 1711

Of the 200^th^. paid into the Company Cash Claas Isaage for Assisting y^e^. English Frigat Sherbone of y^e^. Reef of Molia Walle 100 of which by Order of Councill of 20 October last as also by another of y^e^. 4^th^. December last being detained and 100 redelivered to the Aforesaid Hon^ble^. Claas Isaage this Comeing to Justifie the same [. . .] in place of an acquittance before sent that was given to his Hon^r^. and declares the same.

JAFFNEPATAM
JANUARY 27^TH^. 1711.

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TO THE HON^BLE^: THE PRESD^T^:[&]COUNCILL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HON^BLE^: UNITED ENG^S^:
EAST IND^A^: COMPANY AT FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Wee wrote you by Ship Thom^s^. under the 8^th^. of May and since by Y^r^: Cossett returned under the 18^th^: June, your Letter you sent Us for our masters wee shall forward, by a small Vessell designed out of this Port to Gombroone in 5 or 6 Dayes, no Conveyance offering by one of the Companys Ships, as we did Expect to Dispatch one thither when wee Last wrote You.

The Godolphin the Companys Own Ship that they sent us Out in the Year 1709 to remain here, wee dispatcht to Moco in March last to bring Coffee for the Homeward bound Shipping She had Compleated her Business & Sailed from thence the 17^th^: last month, on her getting out the Gulph She sprung a very Dangerous Leake, that by Computation they made 30 Inches a Glass and y^e^: 6^th^: Instant they making the Land the Day before & being very Hazy and Tempestuous Weather they mistook y^e^: Land which being afterwards Sensible off they lett go their Sheet Anchor, but they being in foule Ground of Malabar Hill their cable parted & they were drove ashoar about one in the Morning without any Possibility of our Saving any of our Coffee, the Ship breaking to peices in the Surf in less than 48 hours. The People belonging to her thro' great Providence at last were all saved most part of y^e^. ship Wreck and Stores the Lead that was in her wee have likewise gott a Shoar.

The Windsor directly out of England to Moco wee have Acco^tt^: arrived there 13^th^. June and y^e^: Supra Cargoes of y^e^: Godolphin inform Us they beleived she would be ready to Sail thence the 10^th^: Instant, all Letters and Papers being lost on the Godolphin, wee have no farther News than as the Supra Cargoes acquaint Us. The Company designed out to this Coast 4 Ships Viz^t^. The Great London Montague Litchfeild and Darby, the first and last designed first to Persia, the names of the Ships designed for the Other parts of India, wee know not, but are Acquainted Cap^t^. Harrison on one of the Ships designed for Madrass is come out Gov^r^. for that place whom if Arrived wee Congratulate in his Station.

The Ship William from Surrat^t^ Cap^t^: William Keeble Commander Consigned to Presid^t^: Russell &c^a^: ℔ Freighters in Bengall and by them Dispatcht hither y^e^. 14^th^. Feb^ry^. last wee have Advice Arrived Cochin the 12^th^: Aprill where the Said

. . .

Commander W^m^: Keeble Contrary to his Orders or any Power reposed in him, has disposed of Two Thousand Bales of Sugar and some Bales of Silk taking into y^e^: Ship 3 or 400 Candys of Pepper besides other Goods, with design as he said to pro ceed to Madrass & sailed from Cochin y^e^: 3^d^: May since which by private Advices from Madrass wee hear the Ship is safely arrived Fort S^t^. Davids & designs to your Port where 'tis said a Considerable ffreight will Offer to this Side.

Wee do therefore Enclosed send You Presd^t^: Russells &c^as^: Invoice of what Loaden on Board on Acc^t^: of the ffreighters a List of ffre^tt^: on Board said ship and likewise Copy of y^e^: Affidavits of two Persons in Bengall made Oath of Presid^t^. Welden & Councill of what s^d^. Keeble did Declare a Board his ship on his Departure whereby it plainly appears his Intentions were Honest to his Employers therefore if on receipt of this he is with the Ship in any Port Under Y^r^: Jurisdiction or in either of the Ports of our Allies on your Coast wee do Desire you will Cause him & what Effects he has to be Secured, and send the ship hither Under the Command of such a ℔'son as you can Entrust for that should any Accident happen, that he should either run away with the Ship or come to any Other Misfortune it will Causel no Small Clamours in Surratt and prove not Only a Detrm^t^: to y^e^: Company but perhaps a seizure on all the private Trade from Y^r^. Coast or Bengall To prevent which what in us lies, wee have given Orders to y^e^: Dutchess whom wee shall speedily Dispatch down the Coast in Case they meet to Seize on her and wee shall send the like Orders to all the ffactories to do the like. Wee Are

Your very affect: ffrd^s^.
& Humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 24^TH^. AUG^T^: 1711.
SEP^R^: 23^D^: RECEIVED.

W^M^: AISLABIE.
W^M^: PHIPPS.
DOUG^S^: BURNISON.
THOMAS MOORE.

N°. 122

To HON^BLE^: EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^:
PRESD^T^: & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE &C^A^: COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HON^BLE^: S^R^: &C^A^:

At Six this Morning I [saw. . .] Ships Standing towards the roade So E^t^: & by E^t^: from it, as near as I Could Judge 15 miles Distance which wee Immediately Supposed to be the two S^t^. Mallo's men Wee have so Long Look't out for, they Continued their Course till about Eight at which time the Wind Verring to y^e^: Sea they altered it, and stood along Shoare not showing any Colours. I had before sent off, a Cattamaran and Chellingee to know whence they Came and to whom they belonged, neither of which Could reach them before they had got Much to Northward of y^e^: Port, which they Could not then have Effected, had not they both Shortned Sail for them I Expected when I saw them so Civill they would have Continued the Complement and sent an Answer, Instead of which the ffellows Inform me, they first refused to admitt them aboard, and bid 'em tell Me that they belonged to the New Company of France and were bound to Pondicherry which is all the Satisfaction I can Procure by these Peoples reports (which I dont much regard) the Commodore has no more than Two Hundred and the other 50 Men aboard, which I think for great many reasons must be false, Unless they have Buried great numbers but particularly because [. . . seems] to be Upwards of Five Hundred and the other about 400 Tons, and French Ships who frequent these Seas from all I have ever heard talk relating to them dont Use to go so badly Manned, when they were got Something further to the Northward of our Bounds they hoisted the Colours of their Nation, and one of 'em a very large Broade Pendant and about twelve a Clock Anchored in Pondicherry road, but wee Could not Observe how many Guns they Fired. The Sea Wind being Come About much Southerly I expect particular Advices to night off them

which I[ll]. Immediately dispatch to Y[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. by y[e]. Dutch Tappys (which Favour I hope I can procure and have dispatcht y[e]. Vessel on purpose that Y[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. may make what Provision you think necessary for the Hon[ble]. Companys Effects, and the private Trade of Madrass now at Sea, I shall advise of this to Negapatam and Trincombar, with a short Lre to all Commanders of Ships that may Accidentally touch there tho' the Season is late, till I receive Y[r]. large advices to 'em, and am

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Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[a].
Y[r]. most Obed[t]. Hum[ble]. Servant

RECEIVED Y[E]: 24[TH]: D°.

ROB[T]: RAWORTH.
[. . .]

P.S.

Wee have not a Compass in y[e]. Garrison be pleased what you [. . .].

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TO THE HON[BLE]. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ[R]. PRESID[T]. & GOV[R]. OF FORT S[T]: GEORGE &C[A]: COUNCILL

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[A].

Wee could not till yesterday Procure any Certain Advices what those two Ships were that went into Pondicherry on Sunday last, but then wee was advised from Good Hands, that one was the Oxford Friggat Cap[t]. Nemson Commander belonging to the seperate Stock and the Other a Large Outward bound Dutch East India Man which was taken by the two French Ships Wee before heard, were designed from S[t]. Malloes to Moch[a] to which Port they made the best of their way and Dispatcht the Prize hither, who off Batticola took the other Ship. Wee wont Trouble Y[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. with what Particulars more we heard, supposing the Ships Company who left Pondicherry on Tuesday are with you from whom y[ll]: have the Real Truth of every things so wee will only Acquaint You with this [good Part] of our news that they Designe to sell the Oxford which is a prim[o] Saylor, and her Cargoe, and with y[e]: great Dutchman, and the Men belonging to both Ships proceed to their Comrades, for tis our very good Fortune, that y[e]. Commanders are both so young, and Unexperienced in these Seas that without y[e]. Assistance of better heads than their Own, they dont know which Way to turn themselves, or Certainly with so good A Sailor as the Oxford they might doe what Prejudice they pleased. Wee have not heard one word from Cap[t]. Nemson or M[r]. Jackson the Supra Cargoe tho' they remain at Pondicherry with the Officers where wee heare from all Hands they are Treated very Civilly and want for nothing.

The 25[th]. by Tappys wee received Y[rs]. of the 21[st]. with Copys of severalls of the 15[th]. 19[th]. & 20[th]. and one of the 22[d]. from M[r]. Secretary Smart, to all which wee shall now reply

As soon as the Madapollam Yatch Arrives She shall without y[e]. least Delay be returned you Againe, with all the Empty Baggs we Can procure, and we are particularly Obliged to Y[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. for Y[r]. great Favour in supplying Our Necessity tho you want Yourselves.

M[r]. Landons Books are now reced in Our Library wee dont in the least Doubt but y[e]. Company Paid double y[e]: Value of them and therefore desire Y[ll]. please to send Us the List he delivered em' that wee may see if more are not mentioned therein than really are here.

Wee thank Y[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. for manning y[e]. Yatch with Y[or]. Laskars for Ours are much wanted here.

Sinca Ramars is not yet Arrived when she does he need not fear but his Provisions and Stores will Come to a Good Markett.

Pursuant to Yr: Order when Ensigne Bernell Arrives Wee will deliver the Murtherer of Thomas Parsons and his Comrade to him & dont Doubt but his Execution thô at Fort St. George will stike Terror Enough into Our Soldiers to prevent them being Guilty of any more such Barbarous Acts.

The Boats with Firewood are not Yett Arrived Wee Observe the Warehousekeeper has paid no more than half Freight so the residue shall be made Good by Us here.

Wee hope by the Generous Supplys of Graine You have been pleased to spare Us to be able to give Tollerable Satisfaction to Our Inhabitants till it please God wee are blessed with a Peace, when wee can have it in Quantity sufficient from ye. Country where there is a great Plenty, notwithstanding what has been Destroyed so wee wont press Yr. Honr. &ca. to send Us any more, since You seem to be apprehensive of falling Under the same Inconveniencys Wee now are for want of Paddy.

As soon as the peice of long Cloath Arrives wee will Compare it with the Musters it ought to be sorted by and give Yr. Honr. &ca. Our Sentiments Upon it.

Wee thank Yr. Honr. &ca. for doing so Examplary peice of Justice on the Capt: and Ensigne whose Examples no Doubt have made Many Sotts among their Soldiers Capt. Vivers not two houres before Mr. Harrison went the Rounds was seen by severall of Us so drunk that he was Incapable of Duty and when he Came to his Post his men assured him he was still in the same Condition tis true he did not goe to see him, but readily Beleived, what he heard, because he had rarely been better for severall months past, wee may allmost Venture to say ever since his arrival here so that Yr. Honr. &ca. make a very just Supposition That he only pleaded an appoplective fitt to Evade being sent home.

There was no English Gunnr. rann away from Cuddalore therfore Wee Could not advise yr. Honr. &ca. any such Thing, tis True a Soldier Deserted which wee gave You notice off, and the reasons why and Immediately sent a ℔'son to the Camp to Demand him Upon which they gave the Fellow free Liberty to return to his Duty, but would not force him it not being Customary in time of Peace Upon which Wee sent some People to perswade him by fair means, but nothing would prevail, so they dismist him the Camp with permission to goe where he Pleased, his resolution it seems was either for Madrass or Negapatam, Wee hope hell: direct his Course to Yr. Honr. &ca. that he may receive his reward.

Yesterday Wee Agreed with ye. Merchts. for all the Broad Cloath and Perpetuanoes Come Out this Year at 55 ℔ Cent on Invoice who will Lodge their Gomastas att Fort St. George to receive it [from] Yr. Honr. &ca. as they bring money for it, or You receive Advices from Us of their bringing in Callicoes here, it is so great a Favour to them that no Doubt twill Induce them to goe Chearfully through with their Investment and wee hope wee shall be able to send some Bales to Assist Yr: Honr: &ca: in Dispatching ye. Hallifax.

They have presisted in their Obstinacy to the last and wont Undertake the Additionall Contract of 20000 Pagodas Unless tis all in fine Goods so wee have given them a finall answer & will talk to them no more about it, Unless they Come Over to our Termes.

Wee as well as Yr: Honr: &ca: have great reason to beleive wee are betrayed by Our Black Servants but tis a Disease without remedy, Could wee tell where to procure Honester wee would change them, and can wee once fix anything upon one of them he shall be made a severe Example to all the Rest wee lye in wait to discover some such person but are afraid wee shant be Successfull, for tho' they Betray their Masters, Yett theyll. be honest one to another.

Wee thank Yr. Honr. &ca. for Complying with our Bill drawne on You payable to Mr. Frederick and shall be sure to take particular Care of all the [Garrison] Stores You Send Us that they shall be returned to You in as Good Condition as we receive them.

The Deputy Govr. Acquaints the Honble. President apart with ye. Transactions att Chingee Wee hear no publick Discourse about any thing but that our Prisoners are out of Irons which Looks as if the Enemy were Inclined to Peace nor since that last Action of Capt. Courtneys have we had any farther Skirmishes, but live very Quiett, and to day 16 Ox Load of Paddy was brought into our Bounds.

Wee Request Yr. Honr. &ca. will send Us a new Seale, wee have none by Us, but one of ye. Old Companys, which as wee hear was broaken before a Genll. Court.

Wee have nothing further to add but to assure You wee shall make it our Endeavr. to approve Ourselves.

Fort Sr. Davids
Septr. the 27ths. 1711.
Received Do. 29th.

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yr. Obedit. Humble. Servts.
Robr. Raworth.
Ri: Farmer.
Jo. Berlu.
Ri: Harrison.
Pp. Baker.
Matw. Weld.
H. Cottrell.

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To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort Sr. George &ca. Council.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Fort William
August 31st. 1711.

Recevd Octobr. 2d. Two Gen'll. Letters from Yr. Place by the St. George came to our hands ye: 4th. July and Dated ye. 29th. May and the 4th. June wch. a Copy of ye. Genll. Councills Letter from Bombay to You, as also a Bill of Lading & Invo. for Chests Rupees pr. ye. St. George which According to our Import Warehouse Keepers attestation came out four Rupees short of ye. Amt. of Yr. Invo. in Chests No. 22, 36, 48, 54. There was one Rupee in each wanting wee Received ye. two gold & silver Watches & the Table Clock being a part of ye. ℔' sent the Siccaes you mention there are of a more neat Impression then ye. rest, are very neatly done but will yeild no more batta than ye. others, wee Observe ye. reasons given for ye. St. Georges Silver comeing down Coined, had it Come Uncoined ye. Batta then being 29 ℔ Cent on Bengll. Siccas, the Company would have had for every 240 Sicca weigh 268. 5. 1. Currt. so that the Company had been Gainrs. without ye. risque of sending it up the Country to the mint on ye. 10th. July ye. Ship Presidt. arrived here from Yr. Port & Metchlepatam & brought us a Genll. [of ye. 9th. June] [from Mr. Noden] one of ye. 25th. June wch. [qn.] a Bill of Loading for ye. Prest. wch. he Shipped of there, & wee Receid. ye. Ship Presidt. is according to Yr. Desires Laden wth. as much Petre as she can take in and some Ophium, it being sent by Order from ye. Company wee shall dispatch her in few dayes to the Deputy Govr. & Councill at York Fort after wch. by first Conveyance will send you Copy of her Invo. & Acct. of her Charges here.

On ye. 4th. of August wee recd. Yr. Honr. &ca. Letter by the Hands of Mr. Gray dated ye. 12th. July wherein you advise Us of ye. Arrivall of ships Dartmouth Aurenzeeb and Avarilla Undr. ye. Direction of Govr. Harrison, whose arrival to the Honble. Post wee Congratulate & Question not but his and Yr. Prudent Managemt. may quell the ℔sent Troubles on Yr. Coast & Occasion the quick arrivall of our Honble. Masters Shipping here wee are Sorry to hear of ye. Disaster of ye. Darby, who if safe wee fear will be a late Ship here, by this Conveyance wee also received from You Our Honble. Masters Packett that Came out ℔ the Dartmouth for Us.

Mr. Hedges has paid Mr. Whichcotes Bill of 200rs. drawn on him for which shall give Yr. Presidency Creditt.

The Company write Us that they have wrote to you to take our advice in relation to y^e^. Coining y . Bullion w^ch^. you are to send Us in ours of y^e^. 6^th^. March last and Ship Presid^t^. You will find our reasons for Desiring Dollars rather than rupees of which Opinion wee are still for y^e^. same reasons y^e^. Batta of Mad^s^. Siccas are now 8 ℔ Cent heavier than y^e^. Siccas formerly Coined and the Batta of y^e^. new heavy Siccas was 20 ℔ cent & of y^e^. others 16 the new Siccas growing scarce most of w^ch^. were in the Shroofs hands they raised y^e^: Batta to 29 ℔ Cent w^ch^. proved a hardship on all y^e^. merchants and y^e^. more soon ours, for Madrass Siccas Yeilded no more then 11 or 12 ℔ Cent w^ch^. Occasioned a Gen^ll^. Complaint to be made to Zoody Cawn Gov^r^. of Hugly, who has Ordered y^t^. upon all future Agreem^ts^. y^t^. y^e^. new heavy Siccas shall pass for no more then 15^rs^. 10 ℔ Cent batta & ma^ds^. but for 5 ℔ Cent batta w^ch^. last wee would by no means Consent to so have resolved not to part from y^e^. mad^s^. Siccas und^r^. 8 ℔ Cent for w^ch^. they pass Currently here, but else where for no more than 5.

The Pres^ts^. being now all Come wee have w^th^. some ℔ sons who Understand w^t^. is & w^t^. is not proper to be sent to Court, over lookt the whole, & do find severall very Improper as Gold Bowles and Canns & other things as mentioned in y . list returned, whose Value at Court will be no more than here, so think it not only more proper, but our Hon^ble^. Masters Interest rather to send Commoditys of Europe, as broad Cloath plain & Flowred, Velvetts and Brocades or Europe Silks, brass Guns of all sorts, fire Arms, Pistolls, all which will be not only Esteemed but of 3 or 4 times more y^e^. value at Court than here, all of w^ch^. with some other things as ℔ accompany y^e^. Lists wee desire you to send Us with all y^e^. Expedition you Can wee intending to send the ℔'sents up to y^e^. King as soon as possible wee can make it up wee propose to send one or two of y^e^. Companys Servants along with them & Zoody Cawn has an Order from Court to send some of his People with them wee had not returned to You that part of y^e^. Present y^t^. is Improper but had disposed of it here could wee have [. . .] Charged y^e^. Carpetts and some [other] th[ings wee] Charged at more than Double prizes, that wee can now buy them for here, this wee impute to y^e^. necessity there was in making up y^e^. present in a hurry w^ch^. might Occasion People to sett greater Prizes, upon their Goods then they are worth, there came w^th^. y^t^. part of y^e^. Pen't y^t^. came from Metchlepatam four ℔ cells I. P. which are not mentioned in any of y^e^. Invoices of y^e^. Presents as also 3 ℔ cells N°. 103 R & N^o^. 34 & 99 as ℔ the Warehousekeepers List enclosed in Box 15 there wants one Bandese Invoice at nine pagod^s^.

Since this Grand affair of Procuring y^e^. Kings Phirmaund has fallen to our Lots, wee shall do our utmost Endeavours therein wee have rec^d^. from Suratt w^t^. they desire may be procured for y^m^. wee also desire y^e^. same from You Acc^t^. of y^e^. stores that were sent you on y^e^. Presid^t^. uninvoiced comes here w^th^. as does also our Acc^t^. Curr^t^. with you for Anno 1710.

Wee have according to y . Secrett Committies Directions Consigned y^s^. Ship Success to Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. whose directions the Commanders is to follow for her further proceed^s^. wee have also by their Orders Loaden on board her Cargoes for Europe & S^t^. Hellena to y^e^. Letter (*sic*) place you are to put on board ten Bales of Long Cloth.

Please to send Us by y^e^. Desbouverie or y^e^. first Ship that goes for Europe our Packett directed to our Hon^ble^. Masters.

M^r^. Hedges as before have advised your Presidency did go up to Cassimbuzar to Procure the [Duans Sunnud] and to make an Investment there but y^e^. Duan demands being for Upwards of 60000^rs^. for his Sunnud nothing could be done there unless those unreasonable Demands were Complyed w^th^. so having Contracted w^th^. merch^ts^. for that Investment to be Deliver^d^. us here wee have resolved to w^ch^. drawne that Settlement and hope some way or other to gett all our Goods in time enough to give an early Dispatch to our Masters Shipping, this risque wee run rather than part with so much money.

The last Season wee had no Sloops Cruzing yett wee intend y^e^: beginning of November to have one Cruze between Point Pallmeras and y^e^: place where our Pylotts

Leave our dispatch'd Ships till all our masters Ships are gone y^e^: Company having approved of our doing so y^e^: other Season, have Ordered us to Continue y^t^: Custome during y^e^: Warr.

Some Pattanns bro^t^: from y^e^: Coast y^s^: year severall bales of Broad Cloath which they sell for under y^e^: Price wee doe, and spoils y^e^: marketts of those who buy up our Cloths, who ought to be Encouraged since they give so good a Profitt to y^e^: Company as a 100 ℔ C^t^: on their Invoice w^t^: Broad Cloath you send us that will be more than wee shall want for y^e^: present wee shall be able to putt off that Profitt, so hope Y^ll^: sell no more to y^e^: Patans or others y^t^: may bring it down here. Our People y^t^: Cruzes shall on sight of any Ship, put their Jack at y^e^: Masts Head, so lett y^e^: Shipps y^t^: Come from Yo^r^: Port on sight of that Signal fire a [Gun . . . . .] their Foresaile on which our People may know y^m^: to be ffreinds.

One John Baily came some time agoe Overland from Vizagapatam and some time after Severall ℔'sons acquainted Us that he Run away from our Factory there when it was beseiged by [Facal^a^.] Cawn and assisted him, on w^ch^: wee sent for him and on his Examination he Confessed that he was in y^e^: Enemys Pay, so wee Confined him & doe now send him a prisoner by this Ship to You Y^r^: Factory being Under Y^r^: Directions from w^ch^: Place M^r^: Hastings will send w^t^: he has to alledge against him. Wee are

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:
Y^r^: Real Freinds & hum^ble^: Serv^ts^.

BENGALL
DATED AUG^ST^: 31^ST^.

JOHN RUSSELL.
ABRA: ADDAMS.
JOHN CALVERT.
SAM: BLOUNT.
W^M^. LOYD.
SAM: FLEAK.
JAM^S^. WILLIAMSON.

P.S.

Since finishing y^e^. above wee Rec^d^: Y^r^. Gen^ll^: Letter of y^e^: 26 July by y^e^. Hands of M^r^: March to w^ch^: shall give Answer by y^e^: Pred^t^: who according to Y^r^: Desires wee will send up to you, part of her Petre Design^d^: for y^e^: West Coast is taking out to make room for y^e^: packing stuff & she shall in few Dayes.

IDEM
J. RUSSELL.
A. ADDAMS.
J. CALVERT.
J. BLOUNT.
W. LOYD.
S. FLEAK.
J. WILLIAMSON.

Our [Captain] M^r^: Anderson having been for some time indis[posed] [and much] has desired of us leave to Voyage to Madrass [. . .] [Continue] [. .] [of Yours all his Recovery].

J.R.
A.A.
J.C.
J.B.
W.L.
S.F.
J.W.

No. 125

To the Honble: William Fraser Esqr:
Govr: of Fort St: George and President for
Affairs of Ye: United Company of Merchants of
England Trade to Ye: East Indies on the Coast of
Cormandell &cA: Councill.

Honble: Sr: &cA:

Since our last to You ℔ De-Bouverie wee have received your Letter of ye: 3d: 8ber past ℔ the President and the first of this month Came to hand yours of ye. 2d: of February wth: Copy of what you wrote Us ℔ Cossid Dated the 23d: Decembr: the Originall of wch: never Came to hand nor that You mention dated the 11th: 9ber.,however wee shall answer in Ordr. your Letters that are before Us and then shall Communicate what news wee have receid: from Europe.

Wee are well pleased to hear the Good news of ye: Ship St: George being in safety, which wee did not hear one word before our Ships were all Dispatch'd for Europe.

The next Europe Ship that goes from yr: Port wee will send you a Quantity of lead but for Iron wee have not more by us than an ordinary Store for our Use.

Wee shall not send you any more salted Provisions did wee expect they would keep so well as they [...] be for Yr: Use for great part [...] Demand for [...] Banjar and [yt.] was put up [...] better for want of good Cask, and proper People to Cure it.

Wee Observe what you write of ye: ℔'sent for ye: King being Detained at Metchlepatam wch: will be of very ill Consequence, but Zoody Cawn Advise Us that he has wrote by Cossids to Esuph Cawn & ye: Gusbadar at Metchlepatam advising Yr: the Kings Husbullhookum was gone to Order them to Deliver the present to yr. orders that it may be brought to Bengall to be forwarded the King wch: wee hope will have a good Effect as to Clearing the present butt we fear it will receive some Damage by ye: Long Detention of it, and wee shall be forced to alter the Contents.

Wee are Glad to hear the Des Bouverie & Sherboun are safe arrived after ye: Eminent hazard they runn of meeting ye: French in falling in with ye: Coast and as wee are Informed (and beleive to true) that there will be six French Ships out again next Year Wee are of Opinion that you send down to this Place no more of ye: Companys: Ships then you design wee shall Dispatch Directly for England & to bring yr: Kentlage for provisions are and will be so extravangly. (*sic*) dear they will not be worth sending You and for fine Bale Goods to intermix ye: Cargoes as of past Years, it will not be advisable to run so large a risque of ye: Honble: Companys Estate as we are apprehensive there is in making yr: Coast when ye: French are abroad; wee desi[re your] Opinion of this matter not Doubting but [that you will] Consider ye: Interest [...]. This Comes by ye. Honble: Companys Ship ye. Presi[dt.] which ship was very much out of repair and [wee] fitted her extraordinary well though it Cost a great deal of money the account of her Expences comes enclosed with Invoice and Bill of Lading for what shipped on board her for ye: Honble: Companys. account amounts to Rupees 1702. 2. [9]. The Goods you sent on ye: Europe for Vizagapatam are also on board ye: President & it being to late in [ye.] year for her to fetch yr: Place, they will return to you again wee Could not possible refitt and Dispatch her soon enough for wee suppose she [may] goe to ye: Southward of you before she Can make ye: Coast.

We are Informed you have at Fort St. George and ye: West Coast a Considerable number of Iron Guns more then you have Occasion for wee want for ye: Honble: Companys Service here twenty Demy Culverin and Twenty whole Culverin wch: Desire may be sent Us If Can be spared.

On this Ship President are 5℔'sons sent by Zoody Cawn wth. a Seepaw (*sic*) to ye: Honble Wm: Fraser Esquire and severall presents for other great persons in your parts they are Contained in Eight parcells wch: wee have ship'd on board Freight free as pr: ye: masters receipt which Comes Inclosed they are all to be

Delivered to Aga Muckeem to whom is a letter here with also a Persia list of y^e^. Severall parcells, wee also send here with a [. . .] Copy of Zoody Cawns letter to us in [. . .] Serapah [. . .] w^ch^. Please to Peruse and shew [him] Y^r^ Counte[nance] if he is any wayes Greived as wee are Informed he is.

The Dispatches went down to the Ships Europe and Susanna y^e^. 16^th^. February wee Loaded a Cargoe on y^e^. former amounting to 337032. 4. 9 and on y^e^. Latter Rup^s^: 633274. 4. 6 which wee hope will please our Hon^ble^. Masters and Save their passage home in time.

Herewith wee send You a Packett from our Hon^ble^. Masters received ℔ y^e^. Success advice Boat Cap^t^. Clapham Commander who left England the 27^th^. August last arrived here the 4^th^. Instant y^e^. Cover of y^r^. Packett was rubbed off as y^e^. Cap^t^. tell us by Comeing down to y^e^. Down's on horse Back, wee ℔used the Letters, and took a Copy of them, wee send now the Originall & will send the Copy to you Overland for fear of a Miscarriage and as y^r^. Letters give You a full Acc^t^. of the Alterations y^e^. Hon^ble^. Company have been pleased to make here wee think it needless to repeat them; wee have but little Europe news, butt in Gen^ll^. that Y^e^. Duke of Malborough Continues his Success again y^e^: French and that wee have taken Doway & Bithune and beaten the Enemy in Spain butt no Signs of a Peace butt wee hope by our next Ships y^t^. a Successfull Campaign may produce some good Effects an Incline our Enemy^s^. to an Hon^ble^. Peace.

[All . . .]Letters y^t^: were [on board] [. . .] M^r^. Robert Hedges is going to Cassimbu[zar] to reside there as Cheife, wee hope he will prod[uce] the Duans Sunnud for our free Trade in Bengall and a free use of the Mint at that place and wee are of Opinion twill be more for the Hon^ble^. Companys Interest to Coyn our Silver here then att Y^r^. Place for our Mint produces here as many Siccaes as Y^rs^. and there being 4½ ℔ Cent Defference in there [Batta] makes such a Consederable Advantage that wee can[t] Avoid Advising of it, hopeing You will Consider our Hon^ble^. Masters Interest, for had wee not y^e^. use of y^e^. mint here but were Obliged to sell the Silver for ready money 'twill produce 2 ℔ Cent more than if Coyned in Y^r^. mint wee wish You good Success in all Y^r^. Undertakings and are

Hon^ble^. S^r^. & S^rs^.
Y^r^. most hum^ble^. Servants

JOHN RUSSELL.
ROBERT HEDGES.
ABRA: ADDAMS.
JOS^P^: CHITTY.
JOHN CALVERT.
SAMUEL BLOUNT.
WILLIAM CAWTHORPE.

FORT WILLIAM
MARCH Y^E^. 6^TH^. $17\frac{10}{11}$.
RECEIVED OCTO^R^. 2^D^. 171

N°. 126

TO THE HON^BLE^. WILLIAM FRASER ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE
& THE REST OF THE COUNCILL THERE FOR
AFFAIRS OF THE HON^BLE^. UNITED COMPANY
OF MERCH^TS^. OF LONDON TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^: S^RS^.

The last wee wrote your Hon^r^. &c^a^. was [on the] 27^th^. March copy of w^ch^. is the foregoing since [. . .] has arrived from your port, Ships Raworth and Industry but have not been favoured [with] any Letter from you, we hear y^t^. a Vessell is a [. . .] (from Madrass) at Ballasore who advises [y^t^. the] S^t^. George was with you we dayly hope [for] her arrivall here y^t^. we may be in Cash [. . .] on w^ch^. the Investment we have begun for [. . .] Expected Shipping the new great Siccas Coi[ned] in Bengall has lately passed at 22 ℔ C^t^. [. . .] at which time (by reason y^t^. the Duan [. . .] not receive them

into the Kings Treasure) [. . .] Siccas pass'd but for 11 ℔ Ct. & now Ben[gal] Siccas are fallen to 12½ ℔ Ct. Batta, but at present no Batta is Settled on your Siccas [. . .] Shroffs Endeavours are to have them pass [for] Curr^{t}. but that is w^{t}. we shall never consent if your [Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.] think fitt to [make . . .] siccas of equall finess and weight wth. these of Bengall tis our opinions that they may then pass into the Kings Treasure by urging to the Duan [there] they are the Kings Coine & desireing him to receive them as such and then the old answ^{r}. of their being wors^{r}. Silver then those made here will be prevented when he sees by trying y^{t}. they Come up to this Country Siccas.

Wee hope that according to our former advices that you will send Dollars instead of Rup^{s}. else the Company, will be great Sufferers for your Siccas will hardly fetch more then 3 or 4 ℔ Ct. & should you send heavy Siccas they would yield but about 9 or 10 ℔ Cent Batta. Wee are

Bengall
[. . .] the 18th. 1711.
[Rec^{d}.] Octob^{r}. 3^{d}. D^{o}.

Your Affectionate
Friends & very Humble,
Servants
[*Lacuna*].

N^{o}. 127

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: & S^{rs}:

Since Concluding y^{e}. Foregoing wee have been favoured wth. Y^{rs}. of y^{e}. 3^{d}. of this Instant which Came to hand y^{e}. 19th. Ditto ℔ Russell Galley.

The Presd^{t}. returns Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. thanks for Y^{r}. Congratulations and Good Wishes, and wee all of Us hope there is no reason to Doubt of our keeping as Faithfull & Friend[ly] a Correspondence wth: You as has been found and that wee have promoted, & Advanced our Hon^{ble}: Masters Interest wth: as much [zeal] as in the late Time.

Wee Observe the arrival of Ships Hallifax and S^{t}. George & Y^{r}. reasons for not Dispatching home the Des Bouverie in the proper Season.

Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Intentions of speedily Dispatching to Us the S^{t}. George wth. a Large Stock of Treasure take notice of and wee hope she will soon be here, wee having Pylotts and Sloops ready for her att Ballasore.

Wee Received the Companys Packett that came out on y^{e}. S^{t}. George w^{ch}. You were pleased to Send Us by y^{e}. Russell.

Wee are
Hon^{ble} S^{r} & S^{rs}
Y^{r}. Affectionate
Friends & Very
Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
[*Lacuna*].

Fort William
May y^{e}. 21st. 1711.
Receip^{d}. Octo^{r}. y^{e}. 2^{d}.

N^{o}. 128

To the Hon^{ble} W^{m}. Fraser Esq^{r}.
Gov^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George
& Presd^{t}. for Affairs of Y^{e}. R^{t}.
Hon^{ble}. Company of Merchants of England
Trading to Y^{e}. East Indies att Madrass &c^{a}. Councill

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}. S^{rs}.

Wee wrote Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. last ℔ Companys Cossid^{s}. of y^{e}. 21st. of last month Coppy of w^{ch}. is the foregoing since w^{ch}. has arrived no Ship from Y^{r}. Port.

At the Desire of Zoody Cawn by whose Cossids this Comes wee write you this Letter, who desires Us to acquaint You that y^{e}. King Shaw Allum being about Sending a Present to the King of Pegue was at a Stand w^{ch}. way to send it, on w^{ch}.

Zoody Cawn advised him to send it to Govr. Pitt to be forwarded to Pegue, which was accordingly done wth: a messenger One Abdell Fazell after his arrivall there ye. Pegue King dispatched him back again wth. anothr. ℔sent in returne in Charge of his messenger & Cojah Zaccariah, who are now att Madrass, Zoody Cawn sayes ye: ℔sents Consisted of Severall raryties & Elephants and by ye: Instigation of some of his Enemys att Madrass, the people yt. have the presents in possession are peswaded [. . .] to the Emperour now seeing [. . .] by Zoody Cawns means, it will be a Disgrace (as he thinks) to him not to have them forwarded by his Directions therefore his Designe is, that You would perswade the People that have the ℔sents, to send or bring them by ye. way of Hugly that he may have ye. Creditt of forwarding them to ye: Emper[our] if no Conveyance can be had to send the Elephants by that ye. other part of ye. ℔sent be sent to Bengall to him & he Desires that You would take Care of ye: Elephants till further Orders from him & for ye. Charges, Enclosed Comes a Bill of Exchaᵍ. for 5000 Madrass rupees drawn by Messrs. Russell & Addams on Messrs. Raworth and Frederick payable at 20 Dayes Sight.

If You Can serve Zoody Cawn in this Affair, without any prejudice to our Honble. Masters wee [. . .] He Being our very Good ffreind here, [when] the 5000 Rupᵉ. are expended he desires you would advance more there shall be Occasion for and he [would] pay it on yr: advices.

As Yett no news of either [St.] George or Hallifax wee are in great want of money, to go on wth. Yr. Investment wch. prevent the early Comeing in of Goods wheras ye. St. George on her first arrivall with [...] been Immediately sent to Us with [D...] wee had before now Contracted for all [...] that wee shall have Occasion for [...] and have sold them for 208 great Sicca[s] great Sicca wt. and Batta at 20 ℔Cent are of Opinion would have been of Se[rvice to ye.] Company.

FORT WILLIAM
JUNE YE. 9TH. 1711.
RECEID. YE. 2D. OCTOBER.

Wee Are
Honble. Sr. &ca. [Srs.]
Yr. Affectionate & very

Humble. Servts.
JOHN RUSSELL.
ABRAHAM ADDAMS.
JOSEPH CHITTY.
JOHN CALVERT.
SAMUEL BLOU[NT].
[WM. LOYD].
SAM: FLEAKE.

N°. 129

TO THE HONBLE: EDWARD HARRISON ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
RT. HONBLE. ENGLISH UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY &CA.
COUNCILL IN FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

The 1st. Instant wee receid. by these Peons Yr. Favour of the 24th. past wth. ye: 10 Baggs sealed and said to Contain Ten Thousand Pagodas & are proceeding wth. our Investmt. according to Yr. Order & Expectation having ready best part of ye. striped Bettelas to be loaden on ye. Rising Sun that was Carryed Over the Barr Yesterday and will sail wth. ye. first N°.therly Wind Cunchum Lingana is providing Goods in the Country to whom wee have wrote for ye. Sailcloth & Expect his Answer. Our Nabob since his Departure wrote a friendly Letter to the Cheife but still insists on his Demand of Town Money wch. wee fear Cant be Cleared wth. out another present. The Honble. Govrs. Letter ws sent him last Night.

The Hon^ble: Compa^ys: by law & by Command w^ch: Forbids Trade or Dealing with great men is strictly enjoyned [...] Our Books & Acco^ts: w^th: w^t: Soldiers spared shall Come by y^e: Rising Sun Dispatch wee are busie to prepare a [...] probability she may arrive before [...] Crave leave most respectfully to [Subscribe]

Hon^ble: S^r.
Y^r: Most Obed^t: [Servants]

VIZAGAPATAM
SEPT^R: 4^TH: 1711.
RECEI^D: OCTO^R: Y^E: 3^D:

FRA: HASTINGS.
ROB^T. CRANWELL.
THO: FAUCETT.
RICH^D: HO[RDEN].

N°. 130

TO THE HON^BLE: EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R:
PRESID^T: AND GOV^R: FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E:
R^T. HON^BLE: UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &C^A:
COUNCILL IN FORT S^T: GEORGE.

HON^BLE: S^R: &C^A:

Wee received the 12^th: Ins[tant] [y^r.] Hon^rs: of y^e: 3^d: w^th: y^e: six Thousand pag[^ds.] [...] w^ch: 103 Bales of strip'd Betteelas Long Cloth & Sallampores amounting to ℔ Invoice Pago^ds: 1712: 26: 4: w^ch: w^th. Bill of Loading is enclosed.

The merchants assure us of large quantity of Cloth in the Country w^ch: would have come before now, but y^e: rains have been a hindrance; however this Vessell having not room for a Bale more 'tis no great disappointment, and wee shall now proceed with all Care and Dilligence to be ready for y^e: January Shipping w^th: such a number of Bales or more [if possible] than the merchants have Contracted for and w^th: them Wee hope for some Sailcloth though Chunchum Lingana has not yet sent y^e: Musters.

Wee send a party of men as by List who are paid to the last of this month.

You'll likewise Recei[ve] our Copy of last letter Gene^ll: Books and last month's Acc^t: Cash with y^e: Paymasters and Rising Suns Acc^ts: & Diarys and Consultations.

Last Month the Rajah Ananterauze made y^e: Cheife a Vissitt w^ch: being y^e: first, and most part of our Goods comeing from his Country likewise his refusing to Comply with y^e: Nabobs request in stopping our Trade, were Inducements for our making him a handsome present Amounting to 100 Pago^ds: w^ch: wee hope you^ll: approve of and wee most respectfully Subscribe

Vizagapat^m Sep^r. 16^th. 1711
Rec^d Octo^r. 3^d. D^o.

P.S.
Wee are in great want of Tarpawlins to Cover our Bales.

F.H.
R.C.
T.F.
[R.H.].

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Your most Obed^t:
Hum^bl: Serv^ts.
[*Lacuna*].

N. 131

To the Honble: Edward Harrison Esqr:
President & Govr: for Affairs of Yr.
Rr: Honble: Unt'd Engs: East India Company &ca:
Councill in Fort Sr. George.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

This Accompanys: Copys: of our last Genll: Lettr: Invoice, and bill of Loading by ye: Rising Sun yt: Sailed ye: 18th: & is Designed by a Vessell wth: English Colours riding in the Orfin, and makeing signall for a Boate. Wee shall supply in a Day or two what more needfull by ye: Peons yt: brought ye: 6000 Pagds: & wth: Constant respect remaine

Vizagapatam
the 21st: Sepr: 1711.
Received Ocr: yr: 3d: Ditto.

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Yr: most Obedt: Humble: Sertis:
Francis Hastings.
Robt: Cranwell.
Thomas Faucett.

N°. 132

To the Honble: Edward Harrison Esqr:
Presidt: & Govr: for Affairs of yr: Rt:
Honble: Unitd: Engs: East India Company &ca:
Councill att Fort St: George.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Mr: Horden upon his Departure having paid in to ye: Rt: Honble: Companys Cash 500 Mads: Rupees wee presume to pass a Bill in his Favour on Yr: Honr: &ca: for ye: same Summ and without any thing more materiall to advise, Crave Leave to Subscibe (*sic*)

Honble: Sr: &ca:
Yr: most Obedt: Humble: Servts:
Francis Hastings.
Robt: Cranwell.
Thomas Faucett.

Vizagapatam
Sepr: yr: 22d: 1711.
Recid: Octobr: yr: 3d:

N°. 133

To the Honble: Edward Harrison Esqr:
Presidr: and Govr: of Fort Sr: George &ca: Councill.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Wee receid: last night Yours Honrs: &ca: of ye: 25th: acknowledging the receipt of ours of ye: 20th: and by sloop Rama from ye: Deputy Govr: of ye: 23d: advising of two French Ships arrived att Pondicherry.

Whether ye: Capt: and Supra Cargo were restrained from writing Us jointly or particularly Wee cant tell nor can wee find a true reason why ye: usual advices dont Come from Pondicherry for wee Assure You there has been [more] than ordinary pains taken to procure them but tis not Certain wee could not before our last procure any Intelligence worth Y : Information wee had tis true a great many reports, but they were so incoherent that wee were ashamed to remitt 'em Yr: Honr: &ca: and now can perform You no more than that one of ye: Ships will be publickly sold, wch: is wt: wee before have mentioned.

There is a Ship in sight to y^e^ : Southward of Pondich^y^ : w^ch^ : wee think can be no other than y^e^ : Essex & hope tho' wee see a Third att anchor in y^e^ : road she is not made a Prize. If they have intercept^d^. our provisions wee shall be past all Doubt, and fourthwith deem them our foes, and friends to y^e^ : Chingee Goverment w^ch^ : being what wee know will be of ill Consequence to our masters affairs. Wee are afraid to mention however wee being so great a Distance One from y^e^ : Other, M^r^ : Raworth assure Us he will for Dispatch sake take Care that a Cattamaran be dispatch'd along shoare, for fearing of y^e^. worst, Containing w^t^ : you thought Convenient to be mention'd to Cap^t^ : Brint for his Security.

Wee thank Y^r^ : Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : for entertaining M^r^ : Jolly on our recommendation, he has in so many Dangerous Cases been so successfull y^t^ : wee dont Doubt but hell answer our Expectations as to his experience, and for his Diligence wee may pretend to be Judges of that and assure Y^r^ : Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : he is Indefatigable so since you have been pleased to Confine him here Wee hope Our Hon^ble^ : Employers wont remove him.

At the same time wee dispatch this to Y^r^ : Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : wee likewise said our peons for Trincombar and Negapatam with Y^r^ : Letters for all Commanders of ships that appear in sight of those Ports the Copys of which are inclosed by which You'll perceive wee have strictly Observed Y^r^ : Hon^r^ : &c^as^ : Orders, in Desiring the Gov^r^ : of Trincombar to, advice all Ships arrived at Negapatam that he has particular Orders from 'em which wee are glad Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. have taken into y^e^. Consideration for surely the Penurious Principles of y^e^. Dutch cant be to much feared.

M^r^. Raworth thanks Your Hon^r^. for y^e^. Power you have given him singly, if any extraordinary accid^ts^. happens to recall Your Letters from y^e^. aforesaid ports, and give y^e^. needfull Orders for Y^r^. Shipping upon it which he assures us he will allwayes, without a moments Delay doe, and send you Copys of such Orders with y^e^. utmost Expedition for w^ch^. Intent he has Copyed out and sealed 'em up again to be forwarded with our Letter According to Y^r^. Orders.

Our Enemys are quiet and daily small Quantitys of Rice &c^a^. necessarys come into y^e^. Bounds which still Confirms us in Our Opinions that wee may hope for a speedy Peace.

Wee heartily shall Endeavour in all our actions to meritt Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^as^. Good Opinions and are

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Y^r^. Most Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Ser^ts^.

FORT S^T^. DAVIDS
SEP^R^. Y^E^. 29 1711.
RECEI^D^. Y^E^. 3^D^. OCTO^R^

ROB^T^. RAWORTH.
RICH^D^. FARMER.
J^O^. BERLU.
RICH^D^. HARRISON.
P^R^. BAKER
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

N^o^. 134

TO THE HON^BLE^. SIGISMUND ASHURT
GOV^R^. OF TRINCOMBAR.

The Hon^ble^. Gov^r^. of Fort S^t^. George being very busy about de[s]patching of our Ships for Europe,has Europe (*sic*) has Ordered us to forward y^e^. enclosed to y^r^. Hon^r^.&c^a^. for all Command^rs^. of Europe Ships that may arrive att Trincombarr for their security against our publick Enemy who are now w^th^. two prizes on y^e^. Coast, w^ch^. he desires You^ll^. be so Kind as to send of to any ship that showes Eng^s^. Colours that's off Y^r^. Port or may Come with them into he likewise requests the Favour of y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. if you hear of any of our ships being att Negap^m^. or any where else Southward of You

You^{l}. be pleas^{d}. to acquaint them You have orders for 'em and desires they will make y^{e}. best of their way to, w^{ch}. as wee are sure twill Oblidge the G^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George, will Consequently force us to acknowledge Ourselves

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}.
Y^{r}. Obed^{t}. Ser^{vts}.

FORT S^{T}. DAVIDS
SEP^{R}. Y^{E}. 29TH. 1711.
RECEI^{D}. OCTOB^{R}. Y^{E}. 3^{D}.

Pray Return us the Ord^{rs}.
before Lodged wth. You.

ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
RICH^{D}. FARMER.
JO^{N}. BERLU.
RICH^{D}. HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

No. 135

TO THE HON^{BLE}. DAN^{LL}. BERNARD
GOV^{R}. FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}. R^{T}.
HON^{BLE}. NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA
COMPANY ON Y^{E}. COAST OF CORMANDELL ATT NEGAPATAM.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Gov^{r}. Harrison being extraordinary busy upon dispatching one of our Ships for Europe has Ordered us to forward y^{e}. enclosed to y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Upon news of y^{e}. arrivall of our Enemy wth. two prizes on y^{e}. Coast directed to all Supra Cargoes or Command^{rs}. of English Ships bound into or off Negapatam w^{ch}. he desires You^{ll}. please to send off as Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. sees Occasion.

Our Deputy Gov^{r}. inform^{d}. Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. on y^{e}. 24th. what news Occu'red to that time since w^{ch}. wee hear nothing important Enough to Advice You off.

Wee desire You^{ll}. return the Orders for our Ships now lodged wth. Y^{r}. Hon^{or}. & Councill from Madrass and are wth. all Sincerity

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Y^{r}. Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

FORT S^{T}. DAVIDS
SEPT^{R}. Y^{E}. 29TH. 1711.
RECEI^{D}. OCTOB^{R}. Y^{E}. 3^{D}.

ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
RICH^{D}. FARMER.
JO^{N}. BERLU.
RICH^{D}. HARRISON.
P^{E}. BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HEN^{Y}. COTTRELL.

No. 136

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. FOR R^{T}. HON^{LE}. ENGLISH
COMPANY GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Your Hon^{rs}. Gen^{ll}. of y^{e}. 11th. of August recei^{d}. y^{e}. Ultimo I hope Seno^{r}. Correa & ship Arriv^{d}. by this time with Y^{r}. Hon^{r}.

At first Comeing Tents were kept in y^{e}. Godowne few dayes after, open'd them, deyed them and Packed them up, Carried them into one of y^{e}. Upper rooms, M^{r}. Faucett Comeing Ordered them into the Godown; there they gott y^{e}. Damage.

I Humble Thank Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. giving Orders to M^{r}. Bennett to deliver y^{e}. 10000 fire wood to M^{r}. Aikinson.

The 5th. Curr^{t}. arrived three large Ships belonging to y^{e}. Dutch; on one of them Came y^{e}. new Cheife for this factorie Metchlepatam Unlading Copper Timbers some spice and Cloth.

The 8th. Curr^{t}. came one Sloop and parr from Negapatam Laden wth. Bales for these three Ships with some of y^{e}. new Cheifs goods; y^{e}. 13th. Curr^{t}. parr Sailed for Negapatam 16 Curr^{t}. Sailed y^{e}. Sloop with y^{e}. present Horse Mahmud Yaerbeage gave them y^{e}. former Cheife & Ships Saile y^{e}. 20th. Curr^{t}.

The 12th. Curr^{t}. came Letters from Golcondoth to the Dutch from their People & Auga Myna advising of Serrdar Cawne Subbaw of Braud King having Ordered him to be Subbau of Golcondoth & Vizapore King having Changed his Name Rustom Cawne sent some People before Hand to receive y^{e}. Governm^{t}. W^{n}. these Advices Came from thence, every Day expected them.

Aga Mina recei^{d}. Letters from Habbit Cawne y^{e}. 13th. Curr^{t}. advising he had Orders for Goverm^{t}. Metchlep^{m}. Pattepolle parts adjacent having sent Meeire Seddola to Rajamandrum; from thence to take these Gov^{ms}. he gives acc^{t}. of Rustome Cawne Subbaw of Golcondoth I have writ to Thomas Crooke gave him notice of Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. Pardon: advising him to return to y^{e}. Fort Call in hear; will give him a letter to Y^{r}. Hon^{r}.

The 2 maunds of red Earth have rece^{d}. that small Quantity your Hon^{r}. is pleased to send, will not serve for a quarter part of y^{e}. Pales. I am very frugall in y^{e}. repairs, soe many years nothing done to any Effect, timbers and planks being rotten; that its difficult to make them stand.

The 16th. Curr^{t}. came 3 peons from Zoude Cawne in Bengall; with 3 packetts; two for Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. having mett with such Troubles in the way, Habbitt Cawne kept them eight Dayes at Chickacole having nothing for their Charges in the Way lett them have six rupees as by their note Enclosed.

The 17th. Came nine Peons from Vizagapatam having Discharged their Duty; returned wanting money for y^{e}. Way; requested tenn rupees enclosed Come their Bill for y^{e} same, head Peon Gonga Ramar; sonn to Ramar Sing belonging to Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. at y^{e}. Fort.

These troubles in this Goverm^{t}. in five days more hope will be Over; Habbit Cawns people come then shall take of our Charge of Peons; bring y^{e}. two Guns to y^{e}. Factory; Our People y^{t}. reside in y^{e}. Garden, enforme us this day; Mahmud Yearbeage [and his people . . .] in 3 dayes more for their Departure.

The 17th. Curr^{t}. Came here two other Peons from Bengall with a Packett none of y^{e}. Companys seale theiron saying Presid^{t}. Russell sent them from Calcutta I gave you Nothing Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. please to advise 'em in these affairs. I Hum^{ble}. crave Leave

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}.
Your most Obed^{t}. Serv^{t}.
PHILIP NODEN.

METCHLEP^{M}.
SEPT^{R}. 17TH. 1711
RECEIVED OCTO^{R}. 1^{E}. 3^{D}.

No. 137

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. AND GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. & &C^{A}.

Our last to you was of y^{e}. 29th. Ultm^{o}. by way of Pondicherry w^{ch} wee hope is safe.

On y^{e}. 29th. Ultimo arriv^{d}. y^{e}. Essex Madapollam Yatch, and Mary Packett all w^{ch}. are Unloaden, and wee have recei^{d} y^{e}. rice &c^{a}. Stores You were pleased to send on 'em according to Bill of Loading 1500 Flints excepted w^{ch}. are wanting.

Herewith wee send to Yr. Honr. &ca. Jacob Vanbashasen the murtherer of Thomas Parsons, and his associate in that bloody action, under ye. Charge of Ensigne Burnell who wee hope will arrive safe wth. you that they may receive their reward for so Heinous a Crime.

The two Prizes still remain att a[n]chor in Pondicherry Road, one of wch. ye. [. . .] will be sold [. . .] Two Danes being att Pondicherry for that Intent wth. a Commission from Trincombarr, the other ye. large Dutch Man, wee hear is designed for ye. Mallabarr Coast, wee hear ye. Commandr. is in Expectation of meeting his Comrades and will spend his time in Cruizing there till the Moonsoon is spent on this Coast, and yn. as some sayes if he fails meeting 'em, hel. make ye. best of his way for Mocho, she is a most prodigious dull saylor so wee hope she wont be able to doe us much mischeife.

Wee cant learne that they imported more than ye. Oxfords Cargoe wch. is not yet quite landed and yt. Cheifly Consists in liquors, and abundance of Little Old things proportionable to ye. Stock she brought out the Commdr. and Supra Cargoe Emba[r]kt. last week for Madrass and dont doubt but before this they are safe with you.

Last night arrived the Boat with Gunneys &ca. packing Stuff and this day the boat of Firewood, both wch. are Unloading wth. ye. Utmost Expedition and wee shall send You an acct. how their Cargoes Come out, by Land. To day wee likewise receid. the peice of Long Cloth by Collowayes Chittys Boat, wch. shall be Compared with our musters according to Yr. Direction.

Could Yr. Honr. &ca. wth. Conveniency to You[r]selves, send us further Supplys of Graine wee would Immediately return You the Yatch and Mary Packett, but as wee hope wee may be able to subsist wth. out pressing you to put ye. Thorne wch. is now in ours in Yr. sides, we have thought twill be more Satisfactory to You, to send them to Porto Novo for ours, and ye. Merchts: Goods which they have requested Us to doe wanting a [Conveyance . . .] those which lyes there we [will] dispatch 'em to-morrow, and hope there will be enough to fitt 'en(sic) as soon as they arrive that wee may assist You with 100 or 150 Bales time enough for ye. Hallifax. This wee hope will meet with Yr. Honrs. &cas. approbation and plead our excuse for not executing ye. Lettr. of yr. Ordr. and sending 'em as soon as Unloaden to you.

Ensigne Burnell Carryt. back wth. him the Pistolls and Carbine he brought and ye. two Sentinells and two of our Granadeer Peices in Lure (*sic*) of those they brought downe which wee have kept being better for Service.

Our Enemy have remaind. very Quiett Since our last since Yesterday they took some Cattle belonging to Cuddalore, and Carryed 'em into ye. Woods but Ensigne keir sending a Serjeant, and six Men in pursuit of 'em, they left their Prize and wee got our Cattle Again.

Wee have nothing further to Add but to Assure Yr. Honr. &ca. Wee are

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yor. Obedient Humble. Servts.
Robt: Raworth.
Ri: Farmer.
Jon. Berlu.
Ri: Harrison.
Pp. Baker.
Matthew Wel
[Henry Cottre

Fort St. Davids
Octobr. Ye. 4th. 1711.
Receip. Ye. 6th.

No. 138

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.

Presidt. for Affairs of Ye. Rt. Honble. Unitd: English East India Company on Ye. Coast of Cormandell & Goverr. of Fort[s] St. George & St. Davids &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

This I send You to advise Yr. Honr. &ca. that last night I heard sevll. Guns firings att Pondicherry, and this morning saw ye. two French prizes, Under saile. The Dutch prize Standing away So: Et. & ye. English No. East wch. Courses they have kept till now, as I see more of 'em, I will Immediately advise of it. I am

Honble. Sr. &ca.
Yr. Most Obedt. & Obligd.

Fort St. Davids
Octobr. 9th. 1711.
Tenn [Antee] Meridium
[Receid.] 12th.

Humble. Servt.
Robert Raworth.

No. 139

To the Honble. Edward Harrison Esqr.

Presdt. and Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Last night wee dispatch the St. David Brigantine to you with thirty Bales of Long Cloth amt. to as ℔ Invoice Pagds. 1305. 15. 3. which wee hope will safely and speedily arrive with You, and are now Come to Answer Yr. Honr. &ca. of ye. 6th. Instant pursuant to Our Promise by her.

Wee thank Yr. Honr. &ca. for ye. seal and Broad Cloth You promise Us, wch. wee shall expect by ye. first Conveyance and are very sorry to perceive none is like to Offer till ye. Sloop You hired returnes. Our last by ye. Essex will acquaint You how wee had disposed of her and ye. Yatch, too, which when receive wee are still in hopes twill meet Yr. approbation Yr. Honr. &ca. seem to expect some assistance from Us in Loading ye. Hallifax wch. twould have been impossible for us to have given had not wee dispatcht those Vessels to Porto Novo to bring away our merchants Goods, where they had Lodged 'em in Expectation of a Sea Conveyance and none offering but our Vessels, they made their application to us for 'em, and wee never could have imagined our Denyall would have mett ye. approbation of Yr. Honr. &ca. especially when wee Consider, that did wee Omitt the Oppertunity of this Southerly Slatch, they might have cane use [less] to us not only now but till 'twas to late for 'em to[be] assisting in the filling up any of these Ships Yo[u] Designe to Dispatch in January, for wee dont [. . . .] midnight his [boate] was unfortunately [. . . .] by a Strong Currt. & the people on board [her quickly] escaped wth. their Lives the next morning in search for her they found her sunk upon a sand whither the Violence of the Currt. had carried her they freed her wth. all expedition & having recovered the Honble. Compas. Packetts &ca. papers they returned to us the next day. Wee Considering it [would] require some time to translate all papers & Acco[ts.] fair Over & finding them no ways damag'd except wet after having dryd them very well judged it much better to repack them then detain the shi[p] any Longer.

Wee now ansr. your Honr. &ca. of the 26th. [July] 13th. & 15th. of Augst. the first ℔ M. March & the [two] Latter ℔ Capt. Saunders wch. came to hand the [. . . .] inst. wherein observe your intentions of Dis[patch]ing ye. Sherebourn down to the Bay wth. Treasure & yt. the Tankerville was arrived wth. you & les[igne] in few days to sail & yt. you proposed to Dispatch ships Des Bouverie & Hallifax in Octobr. [and] Sherbourn in Janry. if meet wth. any success at [Ft. St.] David we likewise observe your opinion [concern]ing ship Darby & that you judge she may probably arrive wth. us in Septembr. (if safe) wch. pray God grant &

that w^th^. her & the other 3 ships now w^th^. you & Sherbourn will amount to 1880 Tons should the Darby arrive we then should have on our hands four ships amounting to 1640 Tons w^ch^. unless we make an addition of Saltpetre more the [. . .] Charterparty mentioned we shall not be able to [dispatch] them for we are likely to meet [w^th^.] [a great] deal of difficulty in getting our goods from the Aurungs & clearing them from the Governm^t^. we having lately incensed the Duan by w^th^. drawing our Cassimbuzar Factory w^ch^. we chose rather to doe them Comply w^th^. his most unreasonable demands however we shall exert ourselves in w^t^. is possible for our Hon^ble^. Masters Interest w^ch^. will undoubtedly be to dispatch them all for England for we dont find they recommend the letting of any of their Ships to Freight unless we are uncapable of sending them home.

Wee wrote your Presidency of the 18^th^. & 21^st^. of May & sent you Coppys on the 9^th^. June the former we wonder are not arrived w^th^. you wherefore now send you Triplicates of the same.

Wee observe y^t^. you have agreed w^th^. the Freight^t^. of the S^t^. George to give them the Dartmouth in exchange & on the same terms & the S^t^. George having been some time in the Country.

Cap^t^. Goodman has been sent for & advised of the alteration & the Presid^t^. to whom the Ship was Consign'd has delivered us his Charterparty so that we shall dispatch him an early Ship that he may goe home w^th^. the Dutch Fleet.

Wee have allready wrote you ℔ Ship Success wherein we sent you a List of w^t^. we should want for the present to the Mogull w^ch^: hope you'll forward to us w^th^. all expedition imaginable & as for the Broad Cloths the overplus of w^r^. we may want for the Present we shall be able to dispose of at nigh 100 ℔ Ct. provided they are mixed Colours as Greens [and Redds] the more Greens the [. . .] Y^r^. four Hundred Bales we recd last from [. . .] Presidency proved all Redds & very bad co[lours] we are also in want of Europe Iron & can d[ispose] of a great quantity to a good advantage.

Wee observe your reasons for not sending [Bales] to mix w^th^. ours according to the Honble Companys [ord^r^.]

Wee shall not omitt to send you w^t^. salt Prov[isions] you desire & shall not faill to take particular care [ab^t^.] the Cureing & packing of it.

Wee recd. ℔ Cap^t^. Saunders a Box containing 8 ℔^s^. of Brocades to be added to the Present as [advises] ℔^s^. for Zoody Cawn w^ch^. shall be delivered according[ly] when we treat for a Phirmaund for our [Hon^ble^] Mast^rs^. trade we shall not be wanting in securing Priviledges for Y^r^. Coast but are at a loss for want [of] a Copy of the grants you formerly had there againe desire you'll forward us an Acco^t^. of [the] particulars wanted for your Presidency.

As yet have no news of the French if they should arrive w^th^. us we shall immediately [dispatch] a Sloop on purpose w^th^. advises to you & like[wise] by Cossids Overland.

Wee are glad to heare in your Letter the Ships are returned to you from Fort S^t^. David & that you designe suddenly to despatch them to us w^th^. Treasure & hope for [our] reasons sent you ℔ ship Presid^t^. dated [May] the 6^th^. you have sent us good quantity of [. . . ilars] we also recd our Hon^ble^. Masters ℔ Aurengzeb & four [of my] Companys Writers who are all safe arrived w^th^. us. Wee are

Hon^le^. S^r^. &c^a^
Your reall Freinds & most
Humble Servants

JOHN RUSSELL.
ABRA: ADDAMS.
JOHN CALVERT.
SAM: BLOUNT.
WILL^M^. LOYD.
SAM: FEAKE.
WILLIAMSON.

BENGALL
[13^TH^.]
[Recei^d^.] OCTOB^R^. 16^TH^. } 1711.

P.S.

[Wee] not having any Casks or Jarrs [ ] Bengall filling for Packing [. . .] [su]pposing by your writing you are [under] apprehensions of being in great [want] if the warr should Continue w^th^. you [wee] therefore desire you'd forward down to us [. . .] Casks

procurable y^{t}: you judge fitting the purpose & Pegue Jarrs & all necessary [. . . .] shall be taken in the Packing of it. Wee are in great want of white Lead. [P]ray send us w^{t}. you can spare.

IDEM

JOHN RUSSELL.
ABRA : ADDAMS.
JOHN CALVERT.
SAM : BLOUNT.
W^{M}. LOYD.
SAM^{LL}. FEAKE.
WILLIAMSON.

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TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

This serves only to Cover Invoice and Bill of Loading for 30 Bales Loaden on Briggantine S^{t}. David amounting to Pag^{s}. 1309 [fa 3] w^{ch}. arrived last night from Porto Novo and we heartily wish 'em safe wth. you, we expect this Evening the Yatch w^{ch}. shall be wth. the utmost expedition dispatched to Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. and we are further assured tomorrow of the Mary Packett full Loaden w^{ch}. we shant detain a moment more then necessary.

Just now is come to hand your Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. of the 6th. ins^{t}. w^{ch}. we shall ans^{r}. by Tappys not being willing to detaine this Vessell Long^{r}. then to assure y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. tis the heighth of our Ambition to be esteem'd

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
OCTOB^{R}. 12TH.
RECD. D^{o}. 20TH. } 1711.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Y^{r}. obed^{t}. Servants

ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
RICH^{D}. FARMER.
JN^{o}. BERLU.
RICH^{D}. HARRISON.
PHILIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

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TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}: AND GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Wee have now before us your Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. of the 10th. recd. the 13th. & another of the 20th. recd the 21st. Ins^{t}. by the Sarah & Hester w^{ch}. should sooner have been answered but y^{t}. the Indisposition of M^{r}. Raworth prevented it.

We are very glad to heare The Prisoners are arrived safe & dont doubt but you'll make such severe Examples of em that all people of their Bloody principles may be deterr'd from doing the like actions againe, & hope the measures your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. have taken for your expected Ships will prevent their falling into the hands of the Enemy: We thought the Dutch Prize when wee last advised you off her being of this Port was design'd to leave the Coast but to our great surprize We heare from Trincombar she was seen [on] the 16 & 17 of y^{t}. Port w^{t}. the Captains Intent is [wee] cant tell by going so farr up the Coast this season if he really designes for the Mallabarr Coast where he reported he was going before he left Pondicherry.

Its a great satisfaction to us to read Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. approve of our Employing the Mary Yatch in the service of the Merch^{ts}. to Porto Novo she returned a few dayes agoe full Laden wth. Brown Cloth and is now hawled ashoare and shall be cleaned & Compleatly fitted ready to goe on any expedition you shall think convenient to send her when the monsoon is over.

Since rec^{t}. of y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of the 10th. the late Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. & Councill have been strictly till the 21st. examining all Letters & Papers recd from Fort S^{t}. George y^{t}. they might lay before you y^{e}: Powers they had to proceed wth. so much severity as they have done agains[t] Surrup Sing & his Country The Copys of all w^{ch}. are now Inclosed attested by our Secretary wth. a short Letter from themselves on the subject. Wee must Indeed owne there is not among 'em any express order for Commencing a Warr or Plundering the Country & Destroying that vast quantity of Grain but the Gentlemen Concerned desire youll be pleas'd to Consider that as they were Oblig'd in Duty they acquainted their superiors at Fort S^{t}. George of every pace they tooke w^{ch}. since they did not disapprove off they took for a reall consent & so proceeded wth: so much Violence against Surrup Sing as a Comon Enemy to our nation & the Interest of the Company beleiveing they should have been Checkt in their Carriere had not their action been applauded & referr that particular to your Hon^{r}. &c^{as}. Justice. Its most Certainly true that Sirrup Sing Could not before in Justice demand more of us than the renters Debt & not that ne[i]ther because M^{r}. Roberts was their security when they ran away not the Company but the Destruction of 50, or 60,000 Pag^{s}. worth of Graine about 52 Villages & Townes among w^{ch}. was his fav[orit] Towne Yembollam & Killing the Pandarum there are thing w^{ch}. really makes his demands carry to[o] much justice wth. 'em and we heartily wish the differences may be composed & so happily settled as before the Commencement of this warr wth. out y^{r}. permission to disburse something Considerable out of the Companys Cash thô we shant ask it till Wee find absolute necessity.

Cap^{t}. Roach & Cap^{t}. Courtney were the Command^{rs}: who went on these expeditions the Copys of whose powers are attested & Inclosed for your Peruseall.

Wee are glad to heare the Hallifax & Success are sailed for Europe to both w^{ch}. we wish prosperous Voyages but are much Concerned that neither the Brigantine S^{t}. David or Maddapollam Yatch arrived time enough to give Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. assistance in Loading the Hallifax we desire Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. will please to beleive that not a minute was lost after we got the good here but y^{t}. they were forth wth. embaled and dispatcht to you wth. all Expedition possible.

The Broad Cloth &c^{a}. you were pleased to send us ℔ Sarah & Hester we receed as ℔ Invoice the wax excepted w^{ch}: M^{r}: Berlu tells us wants nineteen Pounds of w^{t}. specefied therein Wee thank Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for y^{r}. Kind supplys & shall expend them nowhere but when we are under an absolute necessity to do it & since no Blew Perpetuanoes or Cloth can be spared for the faceing our soldiers Caps they must be content wth. such as can be procured.

M^{r}. Berlu has been desired to lay before us w^{t}. sort of Merchandize he expected from Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. when he mentioned Toys w^{ch}. he has done & we now Inclose it y^{t}. you may send us none but w^{t}. are proper being very sensible they are abundance of things Comprehended under y^{t}. Denomination not Convenient to be sent here & for the future he promises not to be so Comprehensive in his Lists but express his meaning at large.

Wee assure Yr. Honr. &ca. there has been no Bees wax [. . .] Febry. last [and when you] sent but two [. . .] Mr. Raworth has pursu[ant] to yr. order particularly examined into the Expence of yt. article & finds it to be about three Maunds & a quarter monthly as you'll see by the accot. Inclosed wch. he took from the Warehousek[epers] Bock so that thô there was some unnecessary articles in Mr. Berlues List yett 'twas requisite yt. should be entered for we had none left in store.

Our Merchts. have besides wt. they have allrea[dy] brought here about 150 Ox Loads of Cloth at Porto Nova wch. we have sent Mossoolas to fetch and daily expect their arrivall they promise us very fairly to have a Cargoe for such a ship as the Averilla ready in Decembr. & Yr. Honr. &ca. may be assured no dilligence shall be wanting on our parts to make 'em Comply that we may make amends for the little assistance we gave you in Loading the Hallifax.

Since Mr. Berlu has promised us so often to make amends for his former bad sortmt. we shall trouble Yr. Honr. &ca. no more on yt. subject and if we are drove to the same streights as last year to gett our Bales to Madrass we [will] take care no Conycopolys are trusted in shifting the Coverings & we hope none of the sorters will venture to look on the Cloth Longer than they are able to see when a peice is 20 ℔ Ct. worse than muster.

Wee will alter the musters to the first designe of Madrass & make our No. 2 No. [3] & No. 3 No. 2. Mr. Raworth Informs us 'twas Customary in the late Presidt. Pitts time to keep [. . .] peice of Cloth in the Godowne [. . .] yt. came from the washers was [. . .] if any was not so while 'twas Immediately returned 'em to cure Compleatly & wee beleiveing yt. great difference between yr. Cloth and ours is occasioned by the neglect of our Washers Induct us to desire some peices yt. was very well cured as a sample for them not for us to sort by we can wash our musters again 'tis most certaine but how can we tell whether they are well done unless we have a good wash[er] peice by us for a muster.

Last night arrived Brigantine St. David wch. advises us of the Yatch's arrivall at Madrass wch. we are very glad off & suppose should have seen her here before now did not the unusuall So. Et. wind prevent her.

Wee have now nothing more to Informe you of than that our Roads are now open to Madrass & the Tappys plact in the usuall station & that Laulla Beerza Surrup Sings Cheife favorite is Expected to night at Trivendeporum from whence when 'tis Convenient he will come into our Bounds to discourse the Deputy. Govr. about an accomodation of all differences, abot. wch. pursuant to your order he will advise the Honble. Presidt. seperately.

Before we conclude we must acquaint Yr. Hon . &ca. that we have now no more than 600 Pags. in Cash and are indebted to our Merchts. 5368 for Cloth at the Washers and [. . .] besides their [. . .] paid the begining [. . .]-ing pretty near a [. . .] you but cant find any [. . .] Madrass. We are

Honble. Sr. [&ca.]
'or. Obedt. [faithful]
Humble. Servants

Robt. Raworth.
Richd. Farmer.
Jno. Berlu.
Richd. Harrison.
Philip Baker.
Henry Cottrell.

Fort St. David
Octobr. the 25th.
Recd. 28th. Do. } 1711.

No°. 143

To the Hon^ble^. Edward Harrison Esq^r^.
Presid^t^. & Gov^r^. for Affairs of the R^t^. Hon^ble^. East
India Comp^a^. &c^a^. Council in Fort S^t^. George.

Hon^ble^. S^rs^. &c^a^.

On the 24^th^. last month we were favoured w^th^. yours of the 11^th^: & 10 Chests of Wine for w^ch^. re[turn] our most humble thanks the 6 Peons w^ch^. brought the 6000 Pag^s^. were returned upon Cap^t^. Wathen being informd at y^e^. Roads overland were by excessive raines almost impassable.

Cunshum Lingana came few days agoe from the Country & assures us of having contracted w^th^. the [weavers] to a large quantity [. . .] in the beginning of [. . .] we shall now w^t^. to depend [. . .] shiping as also w^t^. quantity's [. . .] & Sallampores may be brought [. . .] Dasherroone Contry where the Merch^ts^. [. . .] the Charge & risque of bringing it hither the price of Cotton falls daily by great supplys from the S°. ward w^ch^. will incourage both merch^ts^. & weavers & consequently forward & inlarge our Investment.

Our Nabob threatens the Rajahs w^th^. warlike preperations & earnestly desires our assistance w^th^. Powder & shott w^ch^. we have hitherto excus'd but w^th^. such hopes as we may thereby clear the deamand of Towne mony or prolong time & it concerns us to be very Cautious of giveing any cause for a Breach w^th^. Amante rauze whose Country contributes so much so the Companys Investment nevertheless if there should be reason at any time to furnish the Nabob Wee shall want a supply for the Garrison & desire by first opportunity youll send us 40 Candy of Powder & 20 to 30 Candy of Lead or permitt us to send for it from Bengall. Wee most respectfully Subscribe

Vizagapatam
Octob^r^. 7^th^. } 1711
Rec^d^. 31^st^. D°. }

Hon^ble^. S^rs^. &c^a^.
Y^r^. most Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Servants

Francis Hastings.
Rob^t^. Cranwell.
Tho. Faucett.

P.S.
Hon^ble^. S^rs^. &c^a^.

M^r^. ffaucett desires Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. will give for his waiteing on you in Xber or Jan^ry^. in order to have his Metchlepatam Acco^ts^. adjusted. Wee are Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. most Obed^t^. Serv^ts^.

Francis Hastings.
Rob^t^. Cranwell.
Tho: Faucett.

No°. 144

To the Hon^ble^. [Edward Harrison Esq^r^.]
Presid^t^. for R^t^. Hon^ble^. [East India Comp^a^. of]
[Fort] S^t^. George &c^a^. Council.

Hon^ble^. S^rs^.

Your hon^rs^. Generall for [. . .] arrived the 5^th^. Curr^t^. by boate y^t^. day about [. . .] afternoone Mahmud Yarrbeage brought [h . . .] against Metchlep^m^. placed their force in a small town called Ellapollam our Bulworke & the little gate rec^d^. their onsett firing our Guns on them kild severall persons Dutch Cheife orderd tenn of their people ten Christians & one hundred peons so sally out goe to windward fire the Towne w^ch^. effected Dutch Cheife orderd a small gun to be fired being Laded w^th^: round & double fired it kild Yarrbeage & two more then they run for it we kept firing on them at the Long B. idge much people theire kild severall then they run for it about 5 they were all gone not one of our people recd damage at first they fired much w^th^. small armes shott came into the Towne ever since keep

much people runing over all parts Robing & Seizing w[t]. they can. Light of y[t]. noe people can goe out from hence nor come in now the wayes are more open y[r]. Hon[rs]. Generall is gone.

The 3 Curr[t]. came advises from Golcondoth adviseing of the new Subba Rustom Cawn being on the way for this Governm[t]. died in the way suppos[ing] this news might give Mahmud Yarrbeage encouragem[t]. to venture on the Town. The Ultimo of [Sept[r].] I was dischargeing our people from this Duty [. . .] [troubles] Arriseing was forced [. . .] Dutch Cheife recd Letters [. . . ssarie] being at Angora w[th]. their [. . .] the King adviseing King Shallum [. . .] Leages distance from them.

This man dying makes a Demurr in the quick clearing of these troubles reports of Mahmud Ya[rr]abeages wife going from hence when their ransack [. . .] is over if true the Horse & foot will be discharg[ed] they are now paying their arrears in Salt. I humbly crave Leave

METCHLEP[M].
OCTOB[R]. Y[E]. 18[TH].
RECD THE 31[ST]. D[o].
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Hon[ble]. S[rs].
Y[r]. Most Obed[t]. Servan.

PHILIP NODEN.

The 29[th]. 7ber appeared a large ship pass this road put out noe. Colours y[e]. 30[th]. appeard againe came near in made the Dutch Vaine put out Dutch Colours their boate came ashoare it was a Dutch Ship came from Holland bound for Zealone having bin out 12 Months [. . .] Zealone for fifteene days past up & downe the Coast Supplyde her with provisions sent one of their men on board saild from hence the 4[th]. Curr[t]. for Zealone.

Hon[ble]. S[r].
Your Most Obed[t]. Servant

PHILIP NODEN.

N[o]. 145

TO THE HON[BLE]. ED[WARD] [HARRISON]
PRESID[T]. & GOV[R]. OF FORT [ST. GEORGE] &[CA]. COUNCILL.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. & [S[RS].]

Our last to you was the Ult [. . .] 26[th]. we recd two from M[r]. Sec[ry]. Smar[t] 22[d]. & 24[th]. Ult[o]. & on the 28[th]. Y[r]. Hon[rs]. &c[a]. of [. . .].

Wee are very glad to hear the Maddapollam Yatch arrived safe w[th]. our Bales thô it was not our good fortune y[t]. she reacht you time enough to give you assistance in Loading the Hallifax she is now pursuant to y[r]. order haul'd ashoare & secured as well as possible from the approaching bad weather we hope by this time the Oxford & Presid[t]. are off your hands & that they may arrive w[th]. the Hon[ble]. Companys effects on board to the parts you designe them.

With Y[r]. Hon[rs]. &c[a] we recd by a mossoola 5 Thousand Pag[s]. by six Peons & the embost cloth &c[a]. mentioned in that Letter for w[ch]. we return Y[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. our thanks we must confess considering the time of the Year y[t]. was to [o] great a sum[m] to venture by such a Conveyance but our necessitys before its arrivall was such y[t]. if our Cash had not bin Replenisht we cant tell w[t]. ill consequences might have attended us before the 10[th]. of this month you are pleased to say had we let you knowne our wants sooner you could have supply'd us w[th]. more ease & less risque w[ch]. we dont in the least dispute nor will we presume plainly [. . .] to say we did because [. . .] &c[a]. [. . .] for our Justification [. . .] the hurry of buissness is over [. . .] peruse the Letters of the 7[th]. Sep[r]. [. . . answer] to us of the 12[th]. D[o]. w[ch]. we hope [. . . con]vince you y[t]. we have not been back [ward] in giving you early notice was even y[n]. drawne to a Low Ebb & we should want a speedy supply.

Our Merch^{ts}. have had for some time a ℔' son Ready to goe to Madrass to Receive the Broad Cloth from you & only detain'd them in Expectation that after they had struck a bargain for it wth. us you wou'd have favour'd 'em wth. the perusall of the Inv^{o}. y^{t}. they might have knowne w^{t}. sorts they had bought & given direction to their Goma[ster] accordingly but now since Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. are so pressing for their appearance at Fort S^{t}. George we have in a manner forct 'em to give 'em their Dispatch & will if possible see 'em clear of this place tomorrow.

The Ballance of our Cash notwithstanding y^{r}. late large supply is now already Reduc'd to three thousand, four Hundred, & fifty Six Pag^{s}. w^{ch}. we are pretty well assur'd the Paymaster will take from us before the expiration of this month so y^{t}. our necessitys may [...] put y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. upon Running as lately too great risque to supply us we have Recd of Poinde Chittee Kisna the sum of five thousand Pag^{s}. & have presum'd to give him a bill for the amount on y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. payable at 3 days sight to Vinckatty Chittee w^{ch}. we beg you'll be pleas'd to Hon^{r}. & duely comply wth.

Wee have but one Ensign who is a weak [Sickly] [&] belonging to both Companys in the Fort w^{ch}. [. . .] tenant nor [. . .] can Justly say De [. . .] M^{r}. Joseph Paddle [. . .] in the Fort and Cap^{t}. Ro[ach . . .] arrivall here & w^{t}. we have [he . . .] Capacity Induces us to request[y . . .] Hon^{r}. him wth. a Comision w^{ch}. we [dont . . .] Deserve.

Two of our Military Lately deserted [to] Ponticherry 1 other to the Moor's Camp the first [ran away] for fear of Punishm^{t}. the next morning being in [. . .] middle of the night caught a sleep upon his pos[t] att one of our outguards and M^{r}. Hebbert will return him ℔' first Mosoola bound here M^{r}. Raworth hav[ing] sent him a pardon the other had been a serjeant but for constant sottishness had been Reduc'd and so ran away to the Moors from whome he knows nothing but his free can bring him and their Ca[pi]tulates and wont Returne unless we restore him his Halbert again rather then loose him if nothing else wont procure his returne we shall Gratify him not doubting but he'l soone give no opportunity enough to take Sattisfaction of him after w^{ch}. he shall be so close hamper'd y^{t}. it shant be in [his] power to serve us such a trick againe till we send him to Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

In our last we mention'd to have Enclos'd two Lett^{rs}. we Recd from Trincombarr directed to all Comand^{rs}. of English Ships y^{t}. shoud pass by that Port but by Accident they were let out, so we send them herewith wishing Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. all health & pro[s]perity. We[e] [are]

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Y^{r}. Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.
RICH^{D}. FARMER.
JN^{O}. BERLU.
RICH^{D}. HARRISON.
P^{R}. BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

N^{o}. 146

To the Hon^{BLE}. Edward Harrison Esq^{R}.
Presid^{T}. & Gov^{R}. of Forts S^{T}. George
& S^{T}. David &c^{A}. Councill.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.

The following is Coppys of severall Paragraph of Letters sent to the Ho: Presid^{t}. & Councill of Fort S^{t}. George wth. their answers relateing to our trou wth. the Gingee Governm^{t}. by w^{ch}. we presume we have not acted in y^{t}. affi contrary to our Masters Interest or any ways repugnant to the orders recd from

Hon^{ble}. Presid^{t}. &c^{a}. at ffort S^{t}. George the transactactions (*sic*) of affairs here has been duely transmitted them [from time to time] w^{ch}. was never y^{n}. disannul'd but [. . .] Submission [. . .]. [we are]

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
OCTOB^{R}. 22^{D}. 1711.

[Sirs]
Yo^{r}. [Honours Humble]
& most [Obedient Serv^{ts}.]

RICHARD [FARMER].
JN^{O}. BERLU.
RICH^{D}. HARRISON.
P^{E}. BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

COPY OF PARAGRAPHS OF SEVERALL GEN^{LL}. LETTERS FORMERLY SENT & RECD MOST MATTERIALLY RELATING TO OUR PRESENT TROUBLES.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID FFEB^{RY}. 7TH. 1711.

Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. wants (& we heartily wish we could send you) some comfortable news of the enlargement of our Captives at Chingee [tho] after all fair means has been try'd by sending a present to Surrup Sing & an Egeb to Discourse him about his demands & waiting near two months for an answer there is as little prospect of their releasment as ever w^{ch}. Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will perceive by the severall Translates of Letters from Surup Sing &c^{a}. Officers under him w^{ch}. comes herewith upon our Egibs Dispatch [. . .] of Silk and a [. . .] Presid^{t}. of ffort S^{t}. George wth. [. . .] some w^{t}. worse to the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. [. . .] or five Letters to our Egib the De [. . . po] sitively orderd him not to receive any [present] from Surup Sing unless our people were cleard to w^{ch}. our Egib excuses himself by saying y^{t}. he was forced to take said Tashariffe Surrup Sing threatning that if he did not he would confine him neither would he give him any Letter or Dispatch both the Tashariffs is worth [about] 12 or 14 Pag^{s}. w^{ch}. the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. hath not rec$^{[d]}$. but order'd the Egib to carry it away wth. him till Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. further ord^{rs}. about it our Egib after his Dispatch had like to have been detain'd at Chingee on acco^{t}. of a Pawne of Horses Targetts &c^{a}. at Fort S^{t}. George belonging to a Merchant of Surup [Sing] as y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will fully observe by Mohabut Cawns Letter to the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. w^{ch}. comes [Inclos'd] 'tis evident by Surup Sings unjust demand that he will not clear our people by fair means w^{ch}. has been sufficiently experimented therefore hope Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will think of some proper methods to forc[e] him to a Compliance some of the great men at Chingee very often come & reside at severall places near our bounds w^{ch}. with a [few] Topasses we could surprize & secure here if we had Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. permission to doe soe.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE FEB^{RY}. 10TH. 17 $\frac{10}{11}$.

Since all the ways & means we have us'd for the releasment of the unfortunate Captives at China have proved ineffectuall this is the [. . . .] you that w^{t}. you advise us is [wh . . .] by the Law Marti [. . .] a severe punish[ment] on the unfortunate Transgressor however it will in some measure extenuate if not excuse that [. . .] if you are perfectly well informd of w^{t}. you ad[vised] us in your said Letter that the Enemy had begun first and assaulted some of your soldiers all w^{ch}. has hapned at this unlucky Juncture when the Dua[n] who is said to be no very good man is to the southward of you at the head of a potent army who[. . .] not very nice nor shy to lay hold of any preten[ces] rather than any reall Cause to quarrell wth. us all his Letters to the Gov^{r}. here are se[e]mingly fair and Freindly.

Wee did then immediately upon reading said Letter resolve the sending you the Sherebourne wth. as much stores provisions ammuntion as she can conveniently take on board wth. 60 of our Military including Officers who are a Draught of the best of

our Garrison of all w^ch^. the Gov^r^. now acq[uainted] us he advis'd M^r^. Farmer in his particular Letter of that days date the better to keep you up in heart & Courage w^t^. we have so sent you upon this Ship y^e^. Sherbourne You'll see by the accompan[y]ing Lists Invoice & bills of Lading.

And to prevent any manner of contests or differ[ences] that may arise amongs the Military Officers in point of Precedency or Command We therefore will & require that Cap^t^. John Roach have the whole and sole Command of that same party of Soldiers he Carrys hence w^th^. him & that he have the use of one of your horses to ride out in the mornings or Evenings to v[i]ew your Ground & bounds & the scituation of the avennues thereto to prevent the worst that may happen by any ambushments ore (*sic*) decoys y^t^. may be made [by y^r^. Enemys] for w^ch^. [. . .] Guards must keep a strict watch and good look out.

Wee wish you all good Success & a happy riddance of your present troubles.

P.S.

It may be of use and advantage to you under y^r^. present circumstances to admitt of the Polligar whom you mention to come into your bounds if he is an Enemy so inveterate as you say to Surup Sing on whom nevertheless we would have you keep a watchfull eye least he & Surup Sing should come to terms of agreement under hand and then both make head against us.

FORT S^T^. DAVID FEB^RY^. 25^TH^. $17\frac{10}{11}$

This Letter should have been enter'd before y^e^. foregoing.

Wee wrot Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. y^e^. 24^th^ Ins^t^. advising the unfortunate accident of Our Soldiers killing three of Surup Sings people in their endeavouring only to Surprize & Seize them for w^ch^. we must expect to mett w^th^. some troubles from Mohobut Cawne or other under Surup Sing tho w^th^. the few men we have provided w^t^. possible we can against it.

P.S.

Since writing the foregoing Mohobut Cawne is making great preperations to come against us so desire Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. would please to send us a recruit we having but 18 Men upon the Guard in the ffort after having [strengthned] the out Guards.

FORT S^T^. DAVID MARCH 9^TH^. $17\frac{10}{11}$

Wee have sent our Egib to Chingee to returne the Tasharriffs y^t^. Surup Sing sent to the Hon^ble^. Presid^t^. of Fort S^t^. George & the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. at the same time sending Letters to Surrup Sing and the severall Officers at Chingee to demand our people w^ch^. if they refuse to deliver then we protested against them they must be answerable for w^t^. ever might happ[en] on s^d^. Occasion & because wee are well acquainted w^th^. the Delatory excuses of not answering our Letters at Chingee we have therefore Limited y^e^. Egibs stay there to 48 hours in w^ch^. time if he does not receive their answer then to returne w^th^. out them.

FORT S^T^. DAVID MARCH 13^TH^. $17\frac{10}{11}$

The Millitary ℔ Ship Sherebourn are stationed at the Company's Garden w^ch^. is contigous to the Out Gu[ards] of Trippopilore & Beloragottam the better to March to the releife of s^d^. places in case of any alarme we shall observe your Hon^r^. &c^as^. orders relating to Cap^t^. Roach & that he have a horse to view the bounds whensoever he requires it.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE MARCH 20^TH^. $17\frac{10}{11}$

Wee approve your sending an Egib to Chingee in y^e^. manner you advise & the time of 48 hours you have strictly limitted him to for an answer but we see no cause why you should be so Indulgent to Y^r^. new prisoners since your Gentle usage of them does no ways mittigate the sufferings of y^e^. Unfortunate Captives at Chingee especially if it be true [which] we hear that they have been kept in Irons ever since the

news of our late Skirmish reach'd Surrp Sings ears & therefore wee think *Laxtalionis* ought to be the Standard of Justice in this & such like cases this means you may com[e] to know what note & quality your prisoners are of w^ch^. hitherto they have so much conceal'd from you and hope may have good effect [for] that nothing more can give our Enemy and [advance] against us then that they should know we are [Intimidated] & want Courage to attempt allways [. . .] means by w^ch^. we may force & compell. them to come to our terms by releasing Our Captives w^ch^. is the Main thing we aim at

FORT S^T^. DAVID 24^TH^. MARCH $17\frac{10}{11}$

The 21^st^. Instant we Order'd Cap^t^. Roach w^th^. the party he brought from ffort S^t^. George and Cap^t^. Courtney to Joyne him w^th^. about 100 men & 200 peons to march into the Walldore Country and to use all acts of Hostility there as also against any that dare to oppose them the acco^t^. of their proceedings and Engagem^t^. w^th^. the moors comes herewith being Coppys of Cap^t^. Roach's Letters there is various acco^ts^. of the Loss of the Enemy's horse and foot but 'tis certainly y^t^. they have Lost considerably of Both besides some men of note ' tis difficult at present to gett an exact acco^t^. thereof but a little time will demonstrate sufficiently the truth thereof when shall remitt Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. a more perfect acco^t^. of the Enemy's dead & wounded there has been severall Towns & aboundance of paddy Burnt some of w^ch^. was done in the face of the Enemy who were not able to prevent it after our men are recruited and recover'd themselves we shall think of sending them out againe to do the Enemy & their Country all the Damage they can w^ch^. must now be the only means to make Surup Sing hearkin to reason & release our Captives.

P.S.

Att Chingee they are raising all the forces they can to come against us if we had a Ship of Countenance to lye here 'twould very much animate our Inhabitants who other wise may desert our bounds.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE APRILL 11^TH^. 1711.

[Wee had] none of yours later then the 24^th^. of last month w^ch^. advises your having sent out a party of Soldiers into the Enemy's Country of Woldore under the Command of Cap^t^. John Roach w^ch^. home Cap^t^. Courtney & his party was to Joyne and that they ha[d] a successfull skirmish w^th^. the Enemy of whome they had kill'd some severall of their horse and foot their [number] & those of them y^t^. were of any note you promis'd your nex[t] should advise us w^ch^. is not yet performd but those Peons whose courage fainted away and faild them in the day of Battle ought not to be continued in the Companys pay thô we think this may be better done when all your troubles are over then at present.

Wee long much to hear of a good pacification of all your troubles [and y^t^. the present differences may be honourably accomodated to the releasing of the unfortunate Captives w^ch^. must take place at the first article.

FORT S^T^. DAVID 13^TH^. APRILL 1711.

In our last of the 24^th^. past month we then advis'd your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of the great damage done the moors [in] the Waldore Country by the party we sent out under the Command of Captain John Roach at the [same] time we wrote that after the men were recruited we should think of sending them out againe to do the Enemy all the damage they possibly could but [within] in some few days after y^e^. Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. recd a Civill Letter from the Duan accompany^g^. an order to [Surup Sing] to cleare our people upon w^ch^. twas thought advisable not to send out any forces till we saw w^t^. effect the Duans Letter would have upon Surup Sing 'tis [not] certain that the Duan & the Buxee both sent for anantrow Surrup Sings Vaquell & were very angry w^th^. him and threatned to turne him out of the [Country] because his Mast^r^. did not release the English at Chingee this is Confirm'd but Sunca Ramma our Spye Braminys Letters to the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID APRILL 24TH. 1711.

Tis true we promis'd to send your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. an Acco^{t}. of the severall horse & foot that were killd in the Skirmish between our people and the Enemy but the advices we have since recd from severall hands are so different and various that we cannot send an exact Acco^{t}. thereof only in Generall there were severall killd & wounded of the Enemys Horse & foot wee cannot Vindicate most of our Peons nor the Cheife Peon who is not fitt for his business but when our trouble are over we shall discharge him and severall other Peons from the Companys Service.

The Polligar Chela Naigue we formerly wrot about continued to Plunder & spoill Surup Sings Country having lately sent hither about one Hundred of his people to our assistance.

Wee should be heartily glad if we could send your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. an acco^{t}. that our present troubles were fairly & honourably accomodated by the releasment of our Prisoners at Chingee but Surup Sing is so very avaritious or at least his Officers under him that they will not consent to the clearing y^{e}. unfortunate Captives without the Demand of Thirty thousand Chuckroms as was lately experimented on Cap^{t}. Hugonins Letter & request that we would send some body to Chingee on their promising to accomodate all differences and to Inlarge our people in two days time on w^{ch}. we agreed and order'd the renters to send an Egib to Chingee to hear their proposall w^{ch}. terminated at last in the afores^{d}. summe we impatiently waite for the Duans answer to the Letter sent him when we sent the Mule.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE MAY 18TH. 1711.

Your troubles w^{ch}. for so, long time you have labour'd under gives us great anxiety of thoughts in so much that w^{t}. we resolved & were necessitated to for a remedy hath not hitherto had the good effect we design'd w^{ch}. was to bring that savage in human Shape at Chingee to a Complyance even tho you have been succesfull in your frequent skirmishes against the Enemy yet the unfortunate Officers are still kept prisoners at Chingee.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID MAY 16TH. 1711.

It being now near the season of the year for Ploughing & Sowing y^{e}. Ground we believe it might be of good effect to send out a party of Soldiers &c^{a}. to prevent y^{e}. Enemy from attempting it in the Waldore Country if your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. approves [thereof] by w^{ch}. means Surrup Sing will loose a considerable revenue & Income.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID PRIMO JUNE 1711.

Our unfortunate Officers are still detain'd prisoners at Chingee & Loaded wth. heavy Irons w^{ch}. has Continued so very long upon them that now their feet begin to swell extreamly y^{e}. humor being settled there for want of motion in exercising their Leggs the heart of that Stupid inhuman Creature Surup Sing is still so hardned y^{t}. notwithstanding his Country is ruin'd by the Ground remaining untill'd his Villages burnt & Towns continu[ally] Plundered by Chela Naigues people yett he will [not] be prevaild wth. to let our people goe this obdurate temper of his 'tis said is not to be mollified ex[cept] his avaritious humour be satisfied by mony [w^{ch}.] would be a very ill ℔sident & a great incourage[ment] for others hereafter to attempt the like upon the least frivilous pretence if money for their clearance must be given to any & it lay in the Duans Power to do it twere better to advance 1000 pag^{s}. or more to him then to give so to Surup Sing on said Acco^{t}. but we hope the present Y^{r}. Hon . &c^{a}. lately sent the Duan wth. y^{e}. meditation of Sunca Rammah in behalfe of our Officers may have a good effect towards the procuring their enlargem^{t}.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE JUNE 14TH. 1711.

Next you desire us to approve your sending out a party of men into the Waldore Country to hinder & impede the people plowing & sowing the Ground we say if fair means wont force must compell Surup Sing to submitt himself to reason on the terms proposed or otherwise to run the hazard of the ruin of his Country and wth. those recruits & Supplys of men & arms we sent you we gave you a descretionary power to act as you should see cause in the execution of w^{ch}. we find the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. to have been much thwarted w^{ch}. are resolv'd to remedy for the future.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID 30TH. JUNE 1711.

The 16th. ins^{t} we recd your hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. of the 14th. about w^{ch}. time we have had severall allarms by the Enemy's appearing near our bounds and coming through Aukle Naigues woods by Bandipollam where they drove away severall of our Inhabitants Cattle conveying them through said woods in order to carry them to Waldore but by the dilligence of our Millitary & peons speedy Marching beyond Trivendaparum they soon recover'd said Cattle so that there was not one taken by the Enemy upon the Disappearing of the Horse our Peons advance into the Country & fired upon severall of the foot by w^{ch}. many of them were wounded to the great shame and disgrace of Mohobut Cawne & his party of Horse who could not carry away y^{e}. Cattle they had taken in our bounds. On Monday night last Cap^{t}. Roach wth. his party from Fort S^{t}. George & Cap^{t}. Courtney wth. about 100 men & 4 or 500 peons marcht out to a place calld Yembolum w^{ch}. is Mohobat Cawnes Towne the Provisions &c^{a}. were sent to remaine at the Outguard some time before y^{t}. they might March wth. as little [suspition] or notice as could possibly be on such occasion they came upon the Towne about three in the morning Surprizing the Inhabitants and burning said Village on sight whereof Mohobut Cawnes forces of horse & foot came out from Waldore advancing as neare our people as they well could wth. safe[ty] the better to enanimate & encourage their Bu[ddalies] who wth. their long pieces and Europe Powder (as is supposed) galld our people from the Bushes were they lye hid at a very great distance but our rifled Barrell pieces & some long Gunns being fired at them mad [*sic*] them retire farther off when Mohobut Cawne came to the aforesaid place Yembol[am] a great part of the Towne was not sett on fire upon w^{ch}. Cap^{t}. Roach detach'd a party of 24 Men [with whome] he marcht out & burnt it in presence of Mohobut Cawne who was not able wth. all [his] force to prevent it thô there is various Acco^{ts}. [given] of the dead & wounded of the Enemy's horses men & foot yett all agree there has been a great Slaughter amongst them some reckoning about 20 to 40 Men dead & wounded besides horses Gunner Hugonin went out wth. the party as a Volunteer carrying wth. him a Cohorne Mortar or two w^{ch}. he fired among the Horse & is beleiv'd to have done good execution therewith I can not omit to acquaint Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of a noble action of one of our Moor's peons who seeing a single horseman separate at a distance from their maine body he advanct towards him singly calling & Mohobut Cawne Cowards telling him dont you see y^{e}. English are come out to fight you & you dare not come not nigh y^{m}. w^{ch}. so enrag'd the Horseman that he rid up to him wth. all his force struck at him wth. his lance w^{ch}. y^{e}. Peon recd on his Targett being struck wth. so good a will that the lance struck therein that y^{e}. Horsman could not gett it out againe upon this the Peon wth. his sword cutt the Horseman on the Back & his horse also from whome there was aboundance of bloodshed w^{ch}. was seen by our people at a distance at last the horseman disengag'd from our peon & scrambled away to the Enemys maine body as fast as he could we shall take perticular notice of this peon by giveing him a gratuity w^{ch}. we hope will be an encouragem^{t}. for others to doe the like.

Last night we recd advice y^{t}. Somantraw Buxee from Chingee is arriv'd wth. some Horse & foot at Waldore by w^{ch}. means Mohobutt Cawnes Power ceases The Buxee has sent Maldars wth. a Letter to the Gov^{r}. of Ponticherry as we are advis'd but whether 'tis to desire any assistance from him or to be a mediator towards accomodating differences time must discover as the Enemys forces are encreased we heartily wish on this occasion that y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. could prevaile wth. M^{r}. March to stay here some time Longer then intended by reason there is Cap^{t}. Hunt wth. 50 men on board said Ship w^{ch}. would be of good assistance to us during our present troubles w^{ch}. hope cannot last much longer.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE JULY 6TH. 1711.

Wee are sorry that after so much fatigue & toil of [y^{e}.] frequent Marches of your Millitary into the Enemy's Country hath not as yet produced the good effect we promisd our selves at the time we sent you all the best recruits we could well spare you hence w^{ch}. with w^{t}. formerly sent to Vizagapatam and the late great mortallity of our soldiers [here] makes our Garrisons Must^{r}. thin & tho you people deserve well yet

at Chingee the heart of Surup Sing is still hardned in y^{t}. he will not free the unfortunate Captives even tho'the innocent poor [who] plough & sow the Waldore Country are wholly ruin'd & therefore 'tis our positive & absolute order y^{t}. you demand of M^{r}. March all the Soldiers he hath on board his Ship belonging to the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Company wth. their Commander Cap^{t}. Hunt & that M^{r}. March do accordingly send them all ashoare wth. their arms & necessarys for assistance & to increase y^{r}. strength to repell any force Surup Sing can be able to bring ag[ainst] you.

Vera Copia
THO : GRAY,
Sec^{ry}.

N°. 147

TO CAP^{T}. JOHN ROACH COMMAND^{R}.
IN CHEIFE OF THE ENGLISH FORCES UPON THE PRESENT EXPEDITION IN THE WALDORE COUNTRY.

S^{R}.

Whereas we have wrote severall Letters to Surup Sing and the rest of the Officers at Chingee besides sending our Egib to demand the persons of Cap^{t}. Hugonin & Ensigne Reay who were treacherously seized upon & carried prisoners to Chingee where they have been unjustly detain'd ever since the 10th. of June last but receiving no answers from them to our sattisfaction it evidently appears y^{t}. they doe not intend to release the unfortunate Captives who are in misery & in Irons & make continuall Complaints of hardship and very barbarous Usage they receive at Chingee under the Chaubuck and being forc't to stand in the sun till they are allmost faint and dead & not allowed a little water to refresh y^{m}. and since all fair means hitherto has proved ineffectuall it's certaine that nothing but force will obtaine their enlargem^{t}. & reinstate the English to the good opinions of the natives for w^{ch}. reason these are therefore to order you wth. your party of men brought from Fort S^{t}. George & 200 peons to march into the Waldore Country to Seize any persons, or Inhabitants of note y^{t}. belong to Surup Sing as also to use all manner of Hostility in y^{t}. Country and against any y^{t}. shall dare to oppose you Cap^{t}. Courtney goes wth. you wth. a party of about 100 Men who is hereby enjoyn'd to follow your order Gunner Hugonin goes wth. you as a Volunteer who[wth.] Cap^{t}. Courtney Cap^{t}. Coventry & the rest of the Comi[sioned] Officers w^{ch}. we think convenient to consult wth. During the Expedition we earnestly reccomend you to Continue in amity and wishing you good success Date these in Fort S^{t}. David March twenty first 17$\frac{1}{11}$.

Vera Copia.
THO : GRAY,
Sec^{ry}.

RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
PHILLIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

N°. 148

TO CAP^{T}. JOHN ROACH COMMAND^{R}.
IN CHEIFE OF THE ENGLISH FORCES ON THE PRESENT EXPEDITION INTO THE CHINGEE COUNTRY.

S^{R}.

Mohobut Cawne having given out (as is Reported) y^{t}. the English dare not make another attempt by marching out into the Country's belonging to Surup Sing these are therefore to desire and order [you] and your party to march towards a place call'd

Yem[bolam] being a Village belonging to Mohobut Cawne w^ch^. the [guide] Alleboy will show you there as well as in any place of the Chingee Country to use all acts of hostilitys against the Common Enemy w^ch^. is left to your [dis]cretion and the rest of the Officers w^th^. you Cap^t^. [Courtney] goes w^th^. you w^th^. a party of 100 Men who w^th^. Cap^t^. [Coven]try Ensigne Somerville and Ensigne Brooks may [be] Consulted w^th^. on any emergent occasion Gunner Hugonin goes also as a Volunteer in this Expedition believing it very necessary adviseing w^th^. him as any opportunity shall present there will be w^th^. you about 250 or 300 peons to follow such orders as shall be given them I heartily wish you all good Success to the shame & confusion of the Enemy I am

S^R^.
Y^r^. Hum^ble^. Serv^t^.
RICHARD FARMER.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
JUNE 25^TH^. 1711.

Vera Copia.
THO^S^. GRAY,
Secry.

N°. 149

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDWARD HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

The enclosed papers are Translates of a Letter from y^e^. Gov^r^. & Councill of Negapatam of the 13^th^. ins^t^. S. N. & Extracts of severall others from M^r^. Addams &c^a^. at Callcutta to their Cheifs on the Mallabarr Coast w^ch^. have been Transmitted to 'em from thence by w^ch^. your Hon^r^. will very particularly Learne how unfortunate our Masters already are by the Loss of the Dutchess & w^t^. vast disadvantages not only they but all traders private are like to undergoe whilst the S^t^. Malloes mett such good success in these Seas and I heartily Joyne my wishes w^th^. the Cheife of Panana y^t^. the Dutch Fleet from Batavia may Encounter 'em who are in all probability of force Sufficient to prevent their further progress into Mischeife As a quick dispatch of Affairs of this nature in [*sic*] necessary y^t^. your Hon^r^. &c^a^. may take speedy measures for the Security of Trade in Generall So I have ventured to send you these Letters w^th^. out the privity of the Gentlemen of Councill the Majority of w^ch^. are scituated so remote from the Fort y^t^. a Lre is seldome Less than four Hours in the Circuitt before it returnes Signed and I think not this but many [other] affairs wont admitt of such delays.

Inclosed I likewise send the two Letters f[ormerly] Lodged at Negapatam for our Ships passing by y^t^. port & shall since you been pleased to Intrust [me] w^th^. the Power to send if I think it necessary for the other likewise and Lodge such Directions in the place as I hope will when you peruse the Coppys meet y^r^. Hon^rs^. &c^a^. Approbation w^ch^. in all my proceedings I shall Study to observe and am

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Y^r^. Obed^t^. Faithfull Serv^t^.
ROBERT RAWORTH.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
NOVEMB^R^. 5^TH^.
RECD 8^TH^. } 1711.

N°. 150

TO THE HON^BLE^ : EDW^D^ : HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Your Hon^rs^ : &c^a^. [of] the 7^th^. August came to hand the 7 Septem^r^. and we Immediately upon receipt of yours Dispatched an express to Calli[cutt] w^t^. w^th^. Letters was for the Gentlemen there & have kept your Pattamarr till now in Expectation of the arrivall of our Europe Shipping but as yett we here nothing of them

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Just now arrived an express from Callicutt advising us y^t^. on the 8^th^. Ins^t^. arrived there two French Shipps w^th^. the Dutchess Cap^t^. Blacon in there Comp^a^. as a prize w^ch^. they took of Goa, Inclosed send Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. Copy of the Cheife and Councill Letter to us and as we are hourly expecting a mere full Acco^t^. of the ffrenches Intentions shall not Loose time at Present but Dispatch this Pattamarr w^th^. all expedition and as we receive advices from Callicutt shall not faile to advise your Hon^r^. &c^a^. of the same in the Interim w^th^. all due respect to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. in hast we remaine

ANJENGO 14^TH^. OCTOB^R^. } 1711.
RECD NOV^R^. 8^TH^. }

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Y^r^. most Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Servants

SIMON COWSE.
WILLIAM KYFFIN.
ABRA: VANHACK.

N^o^. 151

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDW^D^. HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^a^.

Our last to you was on the 2^d^. ins^t^. when we promised you if possible to see out of Towne the next day the Gomaster our Merch^ts^. had pitchd upon to wait on Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. to receive the Broad Cloth from you according to the Contract we had made w^th^. 'em but their want of accordance in that ℔ticulâr together w^th^ the wett weather we have had here has prevented their setting till this day and now they have dispatcht Vinckatty Chitty and Pede Tombe Chitty w^th^. full Power to negotiate their affair w^th^. you.

As they are Strangers to Madrass we must be forct to trouble you w^th^. some part of their impertinances & thô. w^t^. they require is no more y^n^. w^t^. those you are accustomed to deal w^th^. are Gratify'd in yet to please 'em & Comply w^th^. our promise we must insert their requests to us.

They desire we will use our Interest w^th^. your Hon^r^. &c^a^. y^t^. if any of the Broad Cloth is damag'd you will be pleas'd to appoint people to value it & Let 'em have it *pro rato* as they pay for good.

That you will (w^ch^. we are shure you would had not they requested it) permitt 'em to continue it in the Companys Godowne till they have occasion to call for it out for their own use.

That You as persionating the Hon^ble^. Company shall not sell any Broad cloth on their Acco^t^. till the arrival of next Ships from Europe.

That the Hon^ble^. Presid^t^. has the sole negotiation of this affair and none of the Councill for the sake of Despatch w^ch^. 'twoud otherwise be difficult to be procurd where an assembly is always to be call'd and the [deli]very out of a piece or bale would be to much trouble for the Gentlemen alone to meet to give an order and y^t^. they have the Invoice immediately deliver'd upon their arrivall that they may informe their Masters their quantity they may depend on in order to receive from 'em their directions about the Dis[patch...] If these requests are not unreasonable we hope you'l be pleased to favour 'em w^th^. your Complyance and we are promised y^t^. w^th^. in ten days you'l have four of the Joint Stock w^th^. you who would have come now but y^t^. their private affairs & familys woud not permitt 'em so soon to part from this place.

M^r^. Raworth on the 5^th^. instant on receipt of a Letter from the Gov^r^. & Councill of Negapatam w^th^. some extracts of Letters upon the arrivall of the ffrench ships on the Mallabar Coast advisd y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. in a Letter from himself 25^th^. the purport of it and inclosed to you as well as they coud be done w^th^. expedition the Translates of the severall extracts sent to the Dutch on y^t^. occasion but now for fear of some mistakes in 'em we send you the originalls w^ch^. before we could not get Portugueze

hands enough to transcribe & thinking we were oblig'd to keep by us Coppys of all Letters Directed to this settlem^{t}. was the occasion we did not before pay this due respect to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

Our Neigbours (as we may now call 'em the Chingee Army) Continue in their old Station very near us we [live] very freindly together they hinder nothing from coming into our bounds nor doe we deny y^{m}. the subsistance our place affords w^{ch}. is only the produce of our river we have not bin favourd wth. a Le[tter] from you some time but are in dayly expectations [of it] when we hope we may venture to write you we enjoy the blessings of peace we have nothing farther to advise you off but y^{t}. we are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
[DE]CEM^{R}. 8TH.
RECD. 11 D^{o}. } 1711.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICH^{D}. FARMER.
JOHN BERLU.
RICH^{D}. HARRISON.
PHILIP BAKER.
MATTHEW WELD.
HENRY COTTRELL.

N^{o}. 152

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}. HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.
HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Our last to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. was under the 14 Ins^{t}. ℔ your returned peons this serves to Accompany the Inclosed Papers w^{ch}. we rec^{d}. from Callicutt and give an Acco^{t}. of the Transactions of the ffrench there as Likewise of their takeing the Dutches since the receit of the above mentioned papers just now [recd] advices of the ffrench being seen of Connanore [standing] to the N^{o}. ward & it is thought they designe [to send] the Dutches to Mocha for [Coffea] and will [Convoy her] up as high as Goa & so make the best of their [way] for Pondicherry this being the needfull at present [in] hast wee remaine

ANJENGO 24TH. OCTOB^{R}.
RECD, NOV^{R}. 12TH. } 1711.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most Obed^{t}. Hum[^{ble}.] [Serv^{ts}.]

SIMON COWSE.
WILLIAM KYFFIN.
ABRA : VANHACK.

N^{o}. 153

TO THE HON^{BLE}. EDW^{D}. HARRISON ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. & GOV^{R}. OF FFORTS S^{T}. GEORGE
AND S^{T}. DAVIDS &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Our last to Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. was on the 8th. [ins^{t}.] since w^{ch}. on the 9th. we were favourd wth. two from you of the 6th. to w^{ch}. we shall now give the needfull reply.

It's very probable y^{e}. Danes may be mistaken & y^{t}. the large Dutch ship you mentioned was [the] same they saw of Trincombarr & took for [the] French prize w^{ch}. no doubt long before this has joyned her Comrades on the Mallabarr Coast where we feare they are Coñitting w^{t}. depradations they can on all ships belonging to us & the Dutch & we heartily wish Cap^{t}. Keeble & Cap^{t}. Gaywood may escape 'em.

The Gentlemen concerned waite wth. Impatience to see the report of the Comittee you have appointed to Inspect into and compare your Letters wth. ours as we formerly wrote you so we doe now againe y^{t}. we don't find in any of ours from Madrass A possitive order to Committ Acts of Hostillity or a word of discretionary power in any but y^{t}. dated the 14th. June w^{ch}. you take notice of wherein 'tis said y^{t}. such a power was sent down by Cap^{t}. Roach but upon the perusall of y^{e}. Letter w^{ch}. he brought we found no such thing mentioned nor a word relateing to it more y^{n}. these we did then Imediately upon readeing your said Letter resolve sending you the Sherebourne wth. as much Stores provisions & amunition as she can conveniently take on board wth. 60 of our Millitary Includeing Officers who are [Draught] of the best of our Garrison all w^{ch}. the Gov^{r}. now acquaints us he advised M^{r}. Farmer in his particular Letters of y^{t}. days date so y^{t}. either M^{r}. Fraser or the Transcriber of the Lre must certainly have err'd when they inserted the words they did.

Wee are very glad you have found out the error of the Bees wax and it's particularly satisfactory to us to find you have no suspition of our frugallity either now or in better times we some of us remember an expression from the Old Company w^{ch}. Gov^{r}. Pitt call'd their Motto and shall be sure to take care their's neither want nor waste wth. [in] our walls w^{ch}. rule whilst we observe wee shant doubt of your approveing our Acconomy.

Inclosed are Copys of our last months Acco^{t}. Cash and Paymasters & Stewards Acco^{ts}. disbursem^{ts}. for Septem^{r}. w^{ch}. you orderd us to send you for a guide to your remittances to us.

Our Merch^{ts}. continue still in as much forwardness as can be expected and to prevent our being in a hurry w^{n}. the Ship comes here we'll be sure to sort the Cloth as it comes in since your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. are of opinion that well washt musters may be procured here we shall trouble you no more on y^{t}. Subject but find out if possible a person of Experience & Judgment enough to know whether a peice of Cloth be well cured or not.

Wee hope by this time our Merch^{ts}. Gomasters are arrived wth. you who left this place soon after our Letter it's most certainly true y^{t}. they were very pressing for a Sight of the Invoice but for w^{t}. end we don't know more than we before acquainted you wth. & if there was a Secret in the demand of it we wont pretend to comprehend it since you are pleased to say you are not able.

Wee thank your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for Complying wth. our Bill for five Thousand Pag^{s}. & shall be troublesome on y^{t}. occasion as often as it is in our power but tho it was practicable when y^{t}. Summe was offerd us yet we assure you 'tis Oftner Impracticable as we upon the Spott (whoever may tell [you] y^{e}. contrary) know [to] be very true.

Pursuant to your order we have given M^{r}. Pad[dle] his Comision and retreived againe not only the [two] Deserters last mentioned but he who ran away about Six weeks agoe to the Moores we have a very good wa[tch] upon 'em and have one of em already (he who [Capitula]ted for his Halbert) in Goal for his old crime and don[t] doubt but y^{e}. other two will [be] his associates in a Short time where they shall all remaine till an opportunity presents to execute your orders upon them.

Wee are now come to answer Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. relateing to y^{e}. warrs on rec^{t}. of w^{ch}. M^{r}. Raworth laid before us his Transactions wth. Annamoojee Puntulo & Laula w^{ch}. quadra[tes] exactly wth. w^{t}. you informe us he wrote you the [3^{d}] ins^{t}. we must confess to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. y^{t}. Sixteen [thou]sand Six hundred Pag^{s}. [is a] prodigious summe to [pay] on the Companys Acco^{t}. to one of Surup Sings mean quality but when we put the Extraordinary Expence the Company's at for the maintenance of the warr against y^{t}. fellow w^{ch}. in a few months will amo^{t}. to y^{t}. summe and by defferring bringing their differences to a Conclusion we have no probability of procureing any considerable abatement and rather Additionall demands we can't think it inconsistant wth. the Companys Interest to give so much unless you value the Garrison and dependances at a less rate & then we should rather advise to blow it up and leave the ruins & Ground for their satisfaction than concede to so unreasonable a demand.

Surrup Sing is indeed a very perfidious fellow & so are all his Creatures & we have a great deale of reason to beleive since he had the Impudence to dispute Cawne bahaudars Grant he'le soon find a flaw in his owne and not suffer us peaceably to Enjoy his Gift w^ch^. we should be very farr from being inclinable to accept not only for y^e^. Aforementioned reasons but likewise because we really think y^e^. extent of our bounds are already too large for us to Defend did we not know something must be given him at last w^ch^. we beleive had much better be paid on any consideration in the world than for a peace w^ch^. make us desire to procure some Land from him y^t^. it may be said we bought y^t^. not y^e^. other w^ch^. would be of so ill consequence if once blazed about y^t^. we should have every little fellow Interdict^s^. our trade and denying us peace when he wanted a sume of money.

'Tis very true the Villages he offers are to him but of an Inconsiderable value but by reason of the Mould lying in Trevendepo[ram] and the Contiguity of the others to our bounds we are told ' twould Increase our rent five Thousand Chuckrooms ℔ Annum w^ch^. Surrapa is so possitive off y^t^. he will engage when the season presents for Letting 'em out to bring us persons that will take 'em for five years at that rate if this be true and wee can have a peaceable possesion of 'em they no doubt alone are equivalent to the sume we must give for 'em and we can only assure you we will take all Imaginable care to be well Informed that he has a power to dispose of 'em that we may n't on their acco^t^. meet after trouble from his Successor or any of y^e^. Mogulls Officers for his having disposed off (as Dowde Cawne did when he left S^t^. Thomay) a Country that was in the Jaggeer of another Man.

Annamoojee puntulo Returned from the Camp on Saturday night with whom Yesterday morning the Deputy Gov^r^. had a long discourse and as he Informed us has reduced him five Thousand Chuckrooms [further] and y^t^. Laulla himself was desirous to discourse Surrup on y^t^. affair we have consented that he goes [&]that he mayn't Err have given him such [Memo] the purport of which if he procures we think will [be] very beneficiall for this pla[ce] and we hope you'll be of the same opinion when you come to peruse 'em M^r^. Raworth acquaints us that he Transmitted a Copy of 'em to the Hon^ble^. Presid^t^. [who] as he sees convenient [we] suppose will lay 'em before you which we hope [will] excuse our sending a Copy, & referring you to the[m] wee request you'll be pleased Speedily to returne to [w^th^.] what additions or Amendments you designe [to] make for you'le perceive by one of the Articles that all we do here is [void] unless ratifyed by some [of the] Hon^ble^. Board.

As to the renters debt whenever wee [are able] to conclude all we will obey your orders and keep Acco^t^. of it a part and shall in all our Transactions Endeavour to approve Our Selves.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.
Your Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICH^D^. FARMER.
JN^O^. BERLU.
RICH^D^. HARRISON.
PHILIP BAKER.
HENRY COTTRELL.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
NOVEMB^R^. THE 11^TH^.
RECEIVED THE 14^TH^. } 1

N^o^. 154

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDW^D^. HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

I am very glad mine of the 4^th^. Instant arrived [in] time enough to Stop yours to me & Councill of the 6^th^. and to procure from you the Power you have been pleased to intrust me with on the day following which as I have declared to nobody so I stick fast to my old argument & don't lett the moors know that I am Inclinable to give them a Cash for I am not for makeing more hast than good speed and thô peace is what[we] for a great many reasons wish for yett I shall be very farr from desireing other any than a very Hon^ble^. one.

It is a very great misfortune to the Hon^ble^. Company that it should be out of your power to compell the person who was the sole cause of all the miserys that attends these bounds and the Country [. . .] Damage sustained I was not here [. . .] say I ever was an Eye Wittness that M^r^. Robertson the man but all Circumstances and opinions make him appeare so and if you'll allow *Vox populi Vox Dei* there is no dispute but his Estate as farr as it will go ought to Compensate for the ruin of this Settlement I am pursuant to your order prepareing a protest against him in the behalfe of the Hon^ble^. Company which when finish'd and Signed by the Gentlemen of Councill shall be forthw^th^. sent to y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^.

I shall for the future negotiate all the affairs between myselfe and Surup Sing w^th^. the advice and privity of the Board and accordingly have Imparted to 'em all the peices I have made since we have been in treaty w^th^. him and in a Generall apart they have given you their Sentim^ts^. of the sume demanded and the Townes &c^a^. he Offers and for what reasons they think as had better not desist accepting 'em by bringing the troubles to a Speedy Issue however I shall not consent to come to any Conclusion till they agree to all the articles I have demanded of him and they [are] ratifyed by your Hon^r^. & Councill.

Surrap & Annamoo[jee] ever since the perusal of them have been in very hott debate one arguing [ag^st^] are very unreasonable and 't other defending 'em neither of 'em has gott the Superiority yett but I beleive Anna[moojee] is most Inclinable to con[cede] because he dont talk of going away as he usually did but just now there came a Letter to Surrapa from Laulla Berza the Copy of w^ch^. I incl[ose] and referr you to it I look upon it to be a faint only to [S. . .] if he can terrifie me but I have sent him such an answer as I hope will convince him he's in an Error and that thô I dont talk of providence as he does for some [Enterprize] yett I am very well prepared to receive him in what manner he pleases.

In the articles before mentioned w^ch^. I suppose [y^e^.] Hon^ble^. Presid^t^. has [. . .] before you you'll see I have [. . .] make good [. . .] Townes he is to give us and Secure [from the enemy] for ever without any molestation [. . .] summe we are to give is aboundan[ce] [. . .] an E[q]uivalent & I have as you'll there [. . .] procured an abatem^t^. of five Tho[sand] [. . .] however shall not desist to use my [. . .] to bring him to lower terms if possible.

I never found it was the practice [of my] Predecessors to trouble your board [. . .] Contract because the termes & prizes all [. . .] it however I now Inclose it for your perusa[l] [that you] may be satisfyed we never enterr'd in [. . .] w^th^. our merchants to buy a peice for [Some of] us many at Last (I hope on the Contract [. . .] as the rest of our Inhabitants will ease [. . .] some part of the burthen by contributing [. . .] towards it I heartily wish your Hon^r^. [&c^a^.] [. . .] prosperity and do assure you I shall endea-[vour] [. . .] this place as much to your Hon^r^. as possible [. . .] the [highth] of my ambition to be estee[med]

Hon^ble^. [Sirs &c^a^.]
Your [Obed^t^.] [& most humble]
Serv^ts^.

Robert [Raworth].

Fort S^t^. David
Novemb^r^. 13^th^.
Rec^d^. the 15^th^. } 1711.

N[°.] 155

To the Hon^ble^. Edw^d^. Harrison Esq^r^.
Presid^t^. and Gov^r^. of Forts S^t^. George &
S^t^. David &c^a^. Councill.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

My last acquainted you that Serrapa [and] Annomojee Puntulo were in dispute about y^e^. parti[culars] I ordered Serrapa in my memorandum to him to [insist] upon to be added to the Villages &c^a^. they [would] give us and so they Continued

till friday last [when] Annomojee sent to desire to [some] & I granted him Leave when he told me that Laulla had for three days [together] sent him possitive orders to come to him w^ch^. [he] excused obeying till now in hopes matters might have been accomadated before but haveing Joyned some threats to his possitive orders he must be obliged to you and therefore desired my permission promiseing to [...] againe next day. Accordingly he went but Instead of [...] about 8 in the Evening I reced some Letters of w^ch^. y^e^. [...] are Translates and to w^ch^. I referr Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. I did [...] think convenient to give any answ^r^. myself but orderd [Surrapa] to acquaint him from [...] that I was resolu[te] not to recede from any one of the Demands I had [made] wo^d^. I pay him in Rup^s^. at the Extravagant rate he[referred] but in Pag^s^. Accounting 2 Chuckrums to every [...] & no more and y^t^. if he did fall upon our bounds thô [this] forces was [as he said] numerouse and Victoriouse [that] 'two^d^. try a little wether [*sic*] we should not be able [to risk] our own from their assaults & Likewise if they did [so] the first Stroake Compell [them] to take up their res[idence] some miles further from us or at least without our [...].

These are the Circumstances [...] at present [...] I really think y^s^. sudaine alteration in their tempers to be no more y^n^. a Stratagem to try if by theire threats they could bring me over to their unreasonable demands w^ch^. for the future Tranquility of the Companys Affairs in India I am resolved rather to Dye then conceede to I hope before Evening to send you a more pleaseing Lett^r^. but am very fearfull they 'll prevent me by once more stoping our Tappys so I hope your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will please to order the Peons as passes Pullicherry to call in here for news w^ch^. if such Accid^ts^. happen I shall Immediately advise M^r^. Hebert of by Cattamaran and desire him to forward all Letters to me by the usuall Conveyance I wish Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. success in all your undertakeings and am

FORT S^T^. DAVID
[N]OV^R^. THE 18^TH^ } 1711.
[REC^D^] THE 20^TH^ }

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Y^r^. most Obliged Hum^ble^.
Serv^t^.
ROB^T^. RAWORTH.

N[°]. 156

TO THE HON^BLE^. EDW^D^. HARRISON ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. & GOV^R^. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^T^. HON^BLE^. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &C^A^.
COUNCILL IN FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

We did not receive till the 30^th^. past month yours of the 25^th^. Septem^r^. & its duplicate w^th^. y^t^. of the 18^th^. Octob^r^. came to hand the 6^th^. instant.

Our [la]st was dated the 7^th^. last month and met w^th^. by y^r^. Peons at [...] mmatam.

The [...] we paid the Merchants 1000 Pagodas for [goods] brought in and advanced 4000 more for another [...] caused a dissopoyntm^t^. and prevented our sending gratefull advices.

Nevertheless by w^t^. Cunshum Lingana writes [...] in hourly Expectation and we shall not deferr [...] in advising of any thing materiall that Offers; Wee have likewise sent for Cloth to the Southward the people are not yett returned in 10 or 15 days

[Country] boats will begin to Venture & on the them we shall [send] goods as they come in and use our utmost Indeavours [to] provide y^{t}. number of Bales you expect but it dont possible to be done by the 10th. of Decemb^{r}. and our [contract] w^{ch}. was not made till the 19th. of June runs for Xtmas our Generall Letter dated the 23^{d}. June aforesaid will [in] forme you when we rote likewise of the rainy weather comeing on was a great hinderance to the weavers the lateness of the season obleiges us to take the mer[ch^{ts}.] goods wth. out strict Reguard to their Quantitys [...]. Wee begin our Investm^{t}. in Feb^{ry}. when the [Labours on] the ground are over and new Cotton is gather'd the [workmen] have no other Imploy till may or June and all y^{t}. dry [season] we can be provideing goods & have time to inspect [&] turn back upon the merch^{ts}. what dont come up [to muster] wth. out lessening the number of our Bales.

Wee note the two Prizes taken by the French and glad the Hon^{ble}. Companys ships have escap'd.

Our Nabob still continues his demand but wth.[all] forcible methods or hindrance to our trade w^{ch}. we [...] to prevent by a freindly Correspondence wth. his head & some of the Rajahs; We are the more desirous to [see the] differances well ended because he's luckily confirm['d] [in] his Governm^{t}. by death of another on his way from [the] King to Golconda.

Wee must acknowledge and beg pardon for the number of Bales in our Gen^{ll}. Letter w^{ch}. shou'd have [...] wth Invoice and Bill of Lading [...] the Nabob is over.

The Riseing Sun was Survey'd by Cap^{t}. Barrow [by trade a Carpenter] who wth. other Carpenters and seafareing men gave a report and Judgem^{t}. of her good condition and that another expence of hawling her ashoar and refitting was then needless.

Nothing on our parts shall be omitted to help forward the dispatch of y^{t}. Ship designed home wth. the Dutch ffleet and we desire nothing more than y^{t}. our Indeavours may answer your expectation.

We beleive the Brown Bettelas will be ready for the first boate and we are washing some here for a tryall y^{t}. if lik'd we may send y^{m}. all whiten'd hereafter.

Our Packing Stuff was bought before y^{e}. troubles and we cou'd not gett new or better for the Bales but we shall write for a Supply from Bengall as you have directed.

It shall be our constant care to retrench Charges as free trade and good understanding wth. the Governm^{t}. permitts and a large Investm^{t}. will be a great help w^{ch}. we beleive our merch^{ts}. will undertake for 50000 Pag^{s}. or more if we can contract in January or Feb^{ry}.

The Charges Extraordin^{ry}. for Tappys from this place to Metchlepatam will be 37½ Rup^{s}. ℔ month being batty for 20 Peons at 3 Cash ℔ day who must be posted at 7 stages about 20 miles distant one from the other & the Letters will be Carried to Metchlepatam [w^{ch}. is 220 miles] in [...] days less as weather permitts and Cattamorans or passage boats present on the Rivers w^{ch}. are 8 in number Two peons travelling charges from Vizagapatam to Madrass is 12 Rup^{s}.

The same Charges of Tappy Peons or something less will be from this place to Ganjam w^{ch}. is about halfe ways to Ballasore.

Wee send this by return of your Peons [...] reach your hands sooner. Wee most respect[fully] Subscribe

VIZAGAPATAM
NOV^{R}. 9TH.
RECD 24 } 1711.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Y^{r}. most Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}.
Servants
FRANCIS HASTINGS.
ROB^{T}. CRANWELL.
THO: FAUCETT.

N[°]. 157

To the Hon^ble. Edw^d. Harrison Esq^r.
Presid^t. & Gov^r. of Forts S^t. George & S^t.
David &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

My last to you was the 18^th. Ins^t. w^ch. as I then [presumed] was stoped by the Junckaneers at Avashewauke and [carried] back to their Camp from whence Laulla Immediately [forwarded] it againe Pretending they had done it w^th.out his [consent] or knowledge and y^t. I might not be plagued by them [any] more after y^t. manner sent a peon of his owne [possitively] forbid theire interrupting y^e. free passage of our Tappy [...] more.

I was in hopes as then write you y^t. before night [...] been in my power to have acquainted you something [more] pleaseing [than] the purport of y^s. Letter but y^e. answer sent was much of the same nature w^th. the Letter Inclosed to you Chiefely Insisting upon being 50,000 [Pag^ds.] & giving me Little reason to beleive that, they wo^d. [give] Townes or other grants in Consideration of it w^ch. [extra] Proposition sh^d. I seem the Least Inclinable to hear [...] I am sure 'two^d. Entaile y^e. worst of consequences to y^e. Company's Affairs in these parts for w^ch. reason I [...] still Insisted for their Continuing to keep theire [...] and then assure [y^m.] [y^t. I would] [...] in the memorandums I gave him for to demand of them but they still continue obstinate as you'll see by the Inclosed Translates of severall Letters recd. since my last from them to w^ch. I desire you'll please to be referr'd & I hope you'll approve of my remaineing stedfast to my first principles not to consent to give y^m. any mony w^th.out an Equivolent Returne.

Yesterday Laulla w^th. a great Traine of people passed with in less then half a mile of our bounds and went to Conny Quoyle where he stayed about 2 hours and return'd the same way againe w^th.out giving us any manner of provication on by some few of his streagling horse & foot Entered at Witchmere upon w^ch. I Lodged Cap^t. Roach w^th. his party in the hedge there and after y^t. was no more troubled w^th. them only sometimes according to theire Custome some of the horse would advance w^th. in 500 yards of him in full Career and after having fflourished there Lances retire to their main body againe our men were very Eag^r. to revenge y^e. late Barbaritys Comitted by them on theire fellow Soldiers but I gave possitive orders to the Officers not to stirr w^th. out the hedge nor strike y^e. first Blow unless they enterr our bounds and then to do what Execution they can upon them.

I have nothing more to advise your Hon^r. &c^a. off but humbly begg now you have the whole state of the case laid before you y^t. you'll be pleased to give me your possitive directions and lett me know how farr you are Inclinable to Concede to these people you may know whether we be at peace or Warr w^th. them for if you dont conclude affairs amicably w^th. them now is the time whilst they Lye so very near us to surprise theire Camp and do our owne Execution on them. I am w^th. the Highest Respect

Fort S^t. David
[. . .] 21^st 1711.
24^th. ditto.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your Most Hum^ble. and Obliged Serv^t.

N[°]. 158

To the Hon^ble. Edward Harrison
Presid^t. and Gov^r. of Fort S^t. George &c^a. Councill.

Hon^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Our last to Y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. was on the 11^th. [inst] since w^ch. we have not bin favoured w^th. any from you nor has there anything of Consequence happen'd [wo] [. . .] your information only w^t. Relates to our p^r. sent tro[ubles] w^ch. M^r. Raworth acquaints us. He has from time to [time] as he has recd Letters from the Camp imparted to you.

You will in all of 'em perceive the inconstancies [of] their temp^{rs}. and how Entirely after Animojees Depart [ure] they deviated from their first promises to us w^{ch}. once made us almost thoughtless of any thing Else but a [...]ation of the warr and how we might be able to defend [ourselves] against the assaults they threatned us wth. but they at last percei[ving] we were resolved not to Recede the least little from [the] first demands nor give 'em any thing wth. out an [Equivalent] offer'd Yesterday to Compound wth. us on the following.

That they woud give us the Mold and Ditch from [Triven]daporum to our bounds.

The Six half Villages we formerly mention'd to Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a} : wth. the Ground appertaining to 'em w^{ch}. will [cover] our [bounds] about half a mile in breadth and Eleven [in] [cir]cumference.

They will Entirely resigne y^{e}. Renters debt over [. . .] and be obligd[not to trouble 'em nor us any more on y^{t}. [acc^{t}.]

They'l renounce all claime to our bounds and perm[ission] to be enterrd in the articles they signe that they never [. . .] just one nor will never make any demands on 'em.

They will give us the horses and Cloaths to the [30] mention'd [.....] to the Sea Side a Little to the N^{o}. ward of our bounds and is as every body tells us of more value then the other three and they stickle at nothing we ask unless the punishing y^{e}. Juncaneers at our discretion w^{ch}. they think a little unreasonable as being their Serv^{ts}. but promise upon the least Complaint from us wth. out any farther examination to punish 'em as we shall judge Convenient.

And in Consideration of all these grants they demand Fifty thousand Rup^{s}. w^{ch}. if paid in Pag^{s}. are to be computed at three Hundred & Fifty for one Hundred w^{ch}. will be about one thousand one Hundred & twenty nine Pag^{s}. more then the twenty five thousand Chuckrums they formerly demanded.

These are the best we can at present bring 'em too w^{ch}. we thought convenient to acquaint you wth. and request y^{r}. orders whether we shall except of 'em or insist upon any farther immunity thô in the mean time we shant cease our Endeavours to bring 'em to more Hon^{ble}. terms if possible in sending your answer for they assure us they'l be gone in five or Six days whether they really designe so or not we wont venture to say but thô we have found ' em fickle yet we dont think convenient to trust to much to y^{t}. Disposition in an affair of this consequence.

We have now about one hundred bales at the washers & have had the merch^{ts}. [be .] us in Consultation & demanded of 'em considering [the] approach of the 25th. Decem^{r}. why they have not brought in nearer two thirds of the Callicoes they contracted wth. us for who gave us for answ^{r}. y^{t}. it Lyes ready in the weavers hands & should have been all in before this but y^{t}. they coud not find an Expedient whilst an Enemy surrounded our bounds & that whilst the[y] Continue so they hope we wont put'em upon so hazardous an attempt as bringing their goods through 'em [. . .] if it fails will not only [. .] our power for this [. . .].

The largeness of our monthly expences y^{t}. we [. . .] put you to the trouble & hazard of Replenishing [ou. . .] by Land or Sea Conveyances has induced us to receive [. . .] Comrapa Chitty the sum of four Thousand Pag^{s}. for [. . .] have given him a bill upon y . Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of this day payable at three days sight to Rack-Naigue & [Veng. . .] to w^{ch}. we request your punctuall Complyance, & are[in] highest Respect

Fort S^{t}. David
Nov^{r}. 24TH. 1711.
Recd 27TH. D^{o}.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Y^{r}. Most Obed^{t}. Servants.

Rob^{t}. Raworth.
Rich^{d}. Farmer.
Jn^{o}. Berlu.
Rich^{d}. Harrison.
Philip Baker.
Henry Cottrell.

No. 19

To the Hon^{ble}. Edw^{d}. Harrison Esq^{r}.
Presid^{t}. and Gov^{r}. &c^{a}. Council in Fort S^{t}. George.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

[By] return of your peons we wrote largely y^{e}. [. . .] and its [. . .] will come by Sea Conveyance in about 10 [days] time w^{ch}. we reckon will arrive sooner than these [Bengall] Peons who come to Towne few hours agoe & hav[e] bin[. . .] than 40 days on their Journey.

Wee have this day recd 90 Corge of Beteelas & [Salam]pores w^{ch}. wth. w^{t}. more ready by the 20th. shall be sent on [coun]try boate & Timerauze a Southern Rajah has sent [. . .] merchants with [proposalls] of an Investment [. . .] which our next will informe the needfull and Probably come to your hands sooner then this. Wee crave leave to Subscribe

Vizagapatam
[D^{p}.] 12th. Nov^{r}.
[Rec^{p}.] Decem^{r}. 1st. } 1711.

Hon^{ble}. S . &c^{a}.
Your Most Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}:
Servants

Francis Hastings.
Rob^{t}. Cranwell.
Tho^{s}. Faucett.

No. 160

To the Hon^{ble}.Edw^{d}. Harrison Esq^{r}.
Presid^{t}. & Gov^{r}. for Affairs of the R^{t}.
Hon^{ble}.United English East India Company
&c^{a}. Council in Fort S^{t}. George.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Adjoyn'd is Copy of w^{t}. we wrote the 9th. ins^{t}. by return of your Peons & th 12th. by Bengall Pattamars and the 21st. came to hand your duplicate of the 18^{t} last month by Cossids who proceeded the next day but the Common Roads betwee this place & Ganjam being stopt we sent wth. them 2 guides to make them pass (i possible) some by ways & wrote likewise to Rajah Amanterauze to favour thei Journey wth. his Dustick.

Wee have wrote to Gov^{r}. Russell &c^{a}. for packing Stuff as you directed.

By this Paddy boat belonging to M^{r}. Hastings we send account the R^{t}. Hon^{ble} Company 39 bales of Cloth amounting to Pag^{s}. 3861. 38. 5 as by Invoice wth. bil of Loading is Inclosed & after the new moon or as soon as the Country people wil venture their boats more good [. . .] [of answer].

The Dasherroone merch^{ts}. have brought [musters] of Cloth w^{ch}. we send wth. their prizes The [. . .] ordinary has more then the Companys musters [. . .] in each peice and the Sallampores 2 Punguin[s] the peice of w^{ch}. sorts they have to the amount of [. . .] ready to be deliver'd to any people we shall send to [. . .] near Corango but for the Long Cloth they demand 3 [. . .] and the Sallampores 13¼ ℔ Corge to w^{ch}. we have not [yet] agreed.

Furthermore they have made proposalls of an [agreement] for next year of 30000 Pag^{s}. in Long cloth [. . .] & Bettelas each sort 10000 the Long Cloth of the[. . .] goodness of their muster at Pag^{s}. [30] & the [. . .] Pag^{s}. 12½ both in length & breadth wth. the Betee[las] [according] to our Companys masters all the goods to be deli[ver'd] [at y^{e}.] aforesaid port to the people we and Cunsum Ling[ana] [. . .] shall send thither for the performance whereof [this] bond comes Inclosed to stand good or void at y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. pleasure

For the fine Long Cloth they demand 90 Pag^{s}. & [. . .] Sallampors Pag^{s}. 36 ℔ Corge Cunshum Lingana is [gone] to Towne but under affliction for the death of his [mother]. So that we cant come to a firm agreement for a few [days] longer only as formerly mention'd he & his Partners [. . .] undertake 50000 Pag^{s}. nex[t] year[e] in Long Cloth Sa[llam]pores Sailcloth & Beteelas

A [. . .] Number of Painters who usu'd to work [Sallampore cloth...] our Metchlep^{m}. Factory are come from [. . .] Golcondah Country to Dashroone & the merch^{ts}. [. . .] provide those sorts of goods if your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. may [. . .] y^{m}. for y^{e}. Company. The Dutch have bought great [D . . .].

Our trade goes on wth. out trouble in the Country [. . .] Nabob in near making a peace wth. the Rajah Aman[tarauze] w^{ch}. will likewise be a help to our business.

. Yesterday dyed Ensigne High Lord & by [. . . ance] we think [. . .] two or three [. . .].

Wee most Respectfully Subscribe

Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}. &c^{a}.

Your most Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. Servants

Francis Hastings.
Rob^{t}. Cranwell.
Tho : Faucett.

[Vizagapatam]
[. . .]
Decem^{r}. 1st. } 1711.

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To the Hon^{ble}. Edw^{d}. Harrison Esq^{r}.
[Presid^{t}.] & Gov^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George & [S^{t}.] David &c^{a}. Councill.
Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}. &c^{a}.

Finding y^{e}. Enemy continue in theire fickle Disposition sometimes promiseing to give us an Equivolent for the sum they demanded & we in a man^{r}. agreed to pay 'em I ordered Serrapa on the 27th. ins^{t}. to write them y^{t}. I wo^{d}. no longer be dallyed wth. in y^{t}. manner desireing y^{m}. to come to Imediate Conclusion of these troubles one way or other they did not think convenient to returne an answ^{r}. but in the afternoon about 3 or 4 a Clocke sent sev^{ll}. party's pretty close to our Quart^{rs}. as I suppose to view them but they returned wth. out any affront to us.

Thus matters [continued . . .] they still gave me no ans^{r}. Instead of w^{ch}. as soon as Cap^{t}. Courtney at Treepopolore had beate his Revelie & drawn out his men und^{r}. the Hedge as usuall he was salluted wth. a volly of about 40 small shott w^{ch}. came from a party they had Lodged there for y^{t}. intent & they had y^{e}. Impudence after retreating about 100 yards further from him to give him a second & still kept wth. in musquete Shott till he discharged one of his great Guns upon them at w^{ch}. they fled to theire [safety in] y^{e}. Bushes & so [. . .] About four in the afternoon [came an answer . . .] [. . .] pas Letter Abovementioned w^{ch}. was shifts [. . .] barbarous Reflections upon our nation Exor[bitantde]mands on the Hon^{ble}. Companys bounds & threats [. . .] theire forces here y . It would be very Inglorious [. . .] to suffer & (wo^{d}.) had the case been my owne not so [. . .] made the least Scruple of takeing immediate [. . .]tion but as it releated to my Employers I thought it [. . . ry] to lay y^{e}. case before y^{e}. Gentlemen who were ap[poin]ted to advise me in those matters and accordingly [sum]mon'd the Councill when after due consideration on [the] Subject 'twas unanimously agreed y^{t} since [. . .]selves had broke y^{e}. truce we ought not to omitt [y^{e}. opportunity] while so neare us of attacking them & [. . .] and management of it to me.

Knowing delay's are dangerouse I thought [. . .] be proper when the secret was imparted to so many [. . .] fear of a Discovery not to deferr takeing our reveng[e] long^{r}. then last night & accordingly I ordered Cap^{t}. Roach & Cap^{t}. Courtney wth. 50 men from each [of] theire partys to Rendezvouse at 12 a Clock pre[cisely] in the hedge betweene the two guards & there waite [for] orders & at the same time reinforce their ports [. . .] Fort Cuddalore & Bandipollam between one & two of [. . .] them to march towards the Enemys Camp and at 3 rea[ ] it & had [the . . .] good fortune to gett in the very midle [of] [fore . . .] allarm'd & then the engagem^{t}. comenct [. . .] were Immediately Surrounded by a great number [a . . .] soon disperst wth. great Execution each man besides [. . .] Blunderbus, haveing his peace [*sic*] loaded wth. Six shott and a ball in y^{e}. manner they ranged the Comp[. . .] hour & half & did not leave it till theire

amunition [. . . .] almost spent killing all the Horses they could meet [with] theire is no doubt that about 150 of his Cavalry [. . .] & more than 300 of his people Slaine [. . .] Copys of Annomojees Letters & other papers Relating to the action to w^ch^. I desire you'll permitt me to referr you being just Returned from the out guard where I posted strong partys to releive them in case of distress & y^t^. was an affaire of too great Consequence to the Hon^ble^. Company & myself to permitt my Staying betweene Walls or takeing any rest till it was concluded I'll do myself the Hon^r^. to write you againe y^e^. Evening but at present Desire you'll excuse my Enlargeing farther then to assure your Hon^r^. &c^a^. tis y^e^. higth of my Ambition to approve myself

[Fort] S^t^. David
[Nov^r^.] 29^th^.
[Rec^d^.] Decem^r^. 2^d^. } 1711.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your most Obed^t^. Hum^ble^. and faithfull Serv^t^.
Rob^r^. Raworth.

N^o^. 162

To the Hon^ble^. Edw^d^. Harrison Esq^r^.
Presid^t^. & Gov^r^. of Fort S^t^. George &c^a^. Councill.

Hon^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

The Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. acquaints us that on the 29^th^. ult^o^. he gave your Hon^r^. &c^a^. [a] full acco^t^. of our Attacqueing the moors Camp and [. . .] why we did it w^ch^. we hope will meet w^th^. your [approba]tion & dont doubt but all the good Consequences will attend it that we could expect or desire when we took the resolution. Notwithstanding the severity of the blow we gave 'em they continued Encampt in their old station for about two days after & then removed about a mile Westward from us keeping a very sharp look out and once a day sending a party of about Eighty Horse towards Chinckaquill [. . .] day comeing to [. . .] Cap^t^. Roach's quarter [. . .] [a field . . .].

Wee cant yett Learne an exact acco^t^. of the [. . .] they have Received but beleive they have not [as many] horses as mentioned in M^r^. Raworths Letter [. . .] we have for certaine truth that Sixty of their [men] already Dead, about 20 gone to Waldore to be cured [of] wounds & about 20 more in their Camp w^ch^. are [p...ry] but as for the number of men it will be full as [. . .] y^t^. he Informed you off and we are well assured, there [from] amongst 'em severall Officers of note and Relation [. . .] Surrup Sing, and that there are more in danger who [. . .] dayly of their Wounds they continued Encampt in [. . .] Station till Yesterday when w^th^. their Bagg & Bag[gage] in a full Body past so near our bounds that we [are capable] of Counting their horses w^th^. the assistance [and] scope & are sure the[y] cant amount to more than one [. . .] & thirty not above Sixty of w^ch^. are bigger than your Cloth Horses and they continued their march till [about] one a Clock and then Encampt againe w^th^. in four [miles] N^o^. w^t^. of us where they at present are what their [designes] are we dont know but beleive 'em to be fully bent on Destruction so you may be Sure we have as strict [. . .] as possible to keep it out of their power to doe us [the] prejudice as we have done them.

Wee are sorry when every bodys hearts and ha[nds] ought to be employed against the Common Enemy [to acquaint] your Hon^r^. &c^a^. that on the third ins^t^. at night was an[other] murther committed by George Brand [the] [Gentleman of arms] upon John Hughs our Cooke [. . .] he attacqued as he was going home about nine a Clock [at] night from the Fort and put an end to his life by a [stab] just above his right Breast w^th^. w^ch^. he fell and Bleeding [profusely] Expired in about 2 minutes time. Brand decla[red] that the meeting was accidentall & that he did not [wal. .] w^th^. any designe upon Hughs but all Circumstances [. . .] the Contrary nor can we beleive he would [. . .] trouble you any Longer upon this Subject but referr you to the Paragraph of our Consultation of the 4^th^. instant w^ch^. contains the cause of

their quarrell and w^{t}. Brand can say for himself as likewise the Declaration of Andrew Midleton who was in Company at the same time, and Doctor Jollys opinion of the wound that you may be able to judge whether it was a fair thrust or Stabb upon a Sudden Closure wth. him we have Secured Brand in Close Cockhouse in Irons till we know you Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. pleasure about him but before we leave the Suject must say so much in the fellow behalf y^{t}. before this accident happened he was never knowne att all to be Inclined to quarrell but behaved himselfe wth. Industry & sobriety in his Employ on the Contrary the Cook we must needs say was a fellow who had a very fowle Tongue and did love Jangling wth. his Comrades w^{ch}. occasioned a great many Complaints to be made to M^{r}. Raworth against him who has often told him y^{t}. he would meet wth. such a fate unless he broke himselfe of those ill qualitys.

By this accident the Employ of the Gentleman of arms being be (*sic*) vacant (w^{ch}. always) but particularly now requires a sobe[r] dilligent person we have appointed M^{r}. Joseph Paddle his Successor w^{ch}. we hope you'll approve off it being [Con]formable to the method of Madrass for one pe[rson to] Officiate as Ensigne & Gentleman of Armes.

Wee have now in the washers hands Callicoes as ℔ the acco^{t}. Inclosed it only wants Conjeying and then it shall be sorted but it's our misfortune not to have any Rice in our bounds proper for y^{t}. use we have try'd to procure some at Pondicherry but tho we was no more than two Garse [yett] [...unds] these wont supply us [. . . them] for it and [. . .].

This brings to our mind the N°. East Monsoon [. . .] halfe spent and after the Difficulty we [. . .] for the want of Graine should we Omit [. . .] your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. w^{t}. paddy we have in our [bounds] they are quite over we should think ourselves [...sable] we therefore presume to trouble you wth. [an acco^{t}.] of w^{t}. Paddy we have in our bounds & having [. . .] given you an acco^{t}. w^{t}. our daily expences are & [the number] of Inhabitants we wont venture to say w^{t}. quan-[tity] will be sufficient not doubting but we shall have [...] generous supplys from you as to Enable us to [. . .] in our bounds wth. out being obliged to ask any [assistance] from our neighbours.

Our merch^{ts}. assure us they will have before [. . .] Decemb^{r}. two thirds of the Callicoes Contract [. . . .] porto novo according to agreem^{t}. but how we [. . .] 'em here will be the difficulty for no Vessell [. . .] up & our Chellingers are so very large & unw[ieldy] [. . .] are at least a Week making a Trip at w^{ch}. rate [. . .] we shant be able to gett it here before the mo[nsoon] were it not for the troubles we would [request y^{r}.] Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. to have it washt & sorted [the . . .] so open to the Incursion [. . .] to do it however we [des . . .] a [. . .] case we [. . .] may [. . .] ing [. . .] your [. . .].

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
DCEM^{R}. 5TH.
RECD 9TH. } [1711].

N°. [163]

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}.

This comes to kiss your Hon^{rs}. hands and to assure your Hon. of my most hum^{ble}. and Sincere respects I make bold to trouble your Hon^{r}. wth. the following Acco^{t}. being a true narrative of an attack made upon the Enemys Camp near Trevindaporum about 5 miles from our bounds at two a Clock in the morning on the 29th. of Nov^{r}. Viz^{t}.

The 26th. of last month the Worshipfull Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. sent a Letter to Laulla Bursa to know his finall answ^{r}. whether he would stand to his former proposalls in giving us the Ground & Villages in Consideration of the Rim̃i of mony he was to have from the Hon^{ble}. Company y^{e}. Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. having recd no answ^{r}. to his Lett^{r}. y^{t}. day the 27th. in y^{e}. morning I going y^{e}. round as usuall between 4 & 5 a Clock I

happen'd to be then at Capt. Courtneys guard when ye. Enemy about 150 of ym. poured in theire shott upon our men as they were drawing up we repell'd force by force & beat ym. back ye. Depty. Govr. sent to Laulla Bursa to know whether ye. Truce was broke by his orders he assur'd him it was & ye. same afternoon sent him an Imperious [. . .] Letter & threatened yt. he would lett him feel ye. [. . .] of his armes if he did not Comply wth. his demands [. . .] deliver up most part of our Honble. Masters [. . . .] prevent Yr. [. . . .] 28th. in the Evening I was [. . . .] 100 men Capt. Courtney [. . . .] & Six Serjeants after all [. . . .] and the Gates Lockt [. . . .] a Clock ye. Worshpll. [. . . ned] & came to ye. [. . . .] goe & attack ye. [. . . .] the night [. . .] to find [. . .] our undertaking & after [. . .] the rear of theire Camp [. . . .] foot water in it & as soon [. . . .] drawn up in to two [. . . .] Hundred yards of theire [Can . . .] Imediately to march wth. their [. . . .] gave orders yt. no man should [. . . .] till the word of Command was [. . . .] a great many Huts & Tents untill [. . . .] theire Camp before we were discovered [. . . .] of Laulla Bursa & Mahobut Cawns [. . . .] at yt. time they were theires, we fired [wh . . .] wch. they took ye. alarme I leave yr. Honr. & [. . . .] [con]fution an Enemy must be in at such a Surprize[. . .] hour after they took ye. alarme in ye. very middle [. . . .] nually fireing wth. Bale & swan shott we were [. . .] all parts by reason the Surrounded us there was [. . . .] of them yt. made a motion to attack us two sevll. [. . . .] time gave a huza but it coast them very dear for [. . . .] three and between every one whole Volleys [wch. . .]theire attempt of attacking us the least yt. [. . . .] was 17 rounds before we left theire [. . . .] maine body wth. in 40 or 50 [. . . .] tion we can make of [the . . .]to less than 2 or 3 Hundred [. . .]-ses [. . .] oxen [. . . .] at the [. . .] towards [. . .] [. . .] yt. went upon the Party untill they [. . .] the reason we carried no spyes nor Peons [. . . .] if we had some of them would certainly [. . . .] betrayed us to the Enemy for they will [. . .] Prophett Mahomett for the value of our [. . . .] hope yr. Honr. will pardon me I did not right [. . .] narrative before for I have bin very much out [. . . .] wth. a paine in my side & Indeed I have not [. . .] yt. I can call my owne for I am day & night a [. . .] for fear of giving our Enemy's an Opportunity to omitt any Hostillity in our bounds we have lost never a man in this action had only 5 men wounded & I hope none mortall we had 17 Bayonetts broke in men and Horses bodys & about 20 fire locks burst & made unfitt for service. I crave leave wth. all humble submission to Subscribe myself

[. . .] David
[. . .] 1711.

Honble. Sr.
Yr. Honrs. most Humble.
and most Obedt. Servt.

Jno. Roach.

[. . .] Andrew Midleton
[. . .er] of Jno. Hughs
[. . .] Decem. [. . .] 3d. between [. . .],

[. . . .][ain] guard in Fort St. [. . .] John Hughs came [. . .] he was going to [. . .] very feafull [. . .] him [. . .] very.

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